



**ROTARIANS RANG THE BELLS** at the Salvation Army Kettles Thursday night to help raise funds for the Army's Christmas baskets and aid to needy persons. Shown above are County Judge Foster, Dennis, F. N. (Buck) Russler, Lowden Pankey, William Hopkins, president of the club, and John Trotter. A total of \$60.55 was raised for the Salvation Army by the efforts of the Rotarians. Other club members who helped man the kettles were Dr. L. I. Webb, Louie Beltz, Russell Malan and Tommy Hauptmann. (Foster Studio Photo)

## About Town And Country

### Birth of Christ As Taken From St. Luke

**BIRTH OF CHRIST** (St. Luke II 4:20):

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they had heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## U. S. Army in Europe Switches to 'Forward Concept'

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — The U. S. Army in Europe, with "more firepower than any other force ever fielded," has switched from a policy of withdrawal to the "forward concept of hard-hitting mobile defense," Army headquarters here said today.

American troops manning the periphery of the Iron Curtain are "fully capable of fighting for every inch of ground" they hold, headquarters said in its annual report. In the year's end self-scrutiny, the Army said that "in virtually every field of endeavor, 1955 was a banner year for soldiers of the U. S. Army in Europe."

The report said that "forward concept" of hard-hitting mobile defense had replaced an earlier concept of withdrawal to the west bank of the Rhine.

## T-Sgt. Bert Tavender Brings English Wife, Daughter for First Visit to U. S.

T-Sgt. Bert Tavender, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tavender Sr. of this city, has brought his English-born wife and their daughter, Ann, 2, here for their first glimpse of life in America.

Tavender, who does public relations work for the U. S. Air Force, will be here with his family during the holidays, after which he and his wife and child will leave for San Francisco, where he will be stationed at Hamilton Air Force base.

His wife, whom he married in April, 1952, was Monica Conway of Norwich, Norfolk, England. He had been in England since 1951, with Headquarters, Third Air Force, at South Ruislip near London.

**Other Local Boys There**  
Sgt. Tavender said that two local boys are stationed at Ruislip—Sgt. Harry Cummins, son of George Cummins of Harrisburg, who is with the Third Air Postal Squadron, and A2C Joe Penrod, son of Mrs. Fanny Penrod of Muddy. Penrod, he said, is scheduled to return home late in January.

Tavender, who worked on The Daily Register and on papers at Eldorado and West Frankfort before entering the service, received his First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Force Commendation ribbon in Korea in 1951.

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# WAYNE CANTRELL IS KILLED

## Traffic Deaths In State Highest In Nation at 13

### Chicago Reports Hundreds of Street Smashups

**By United Press**  
Death went on a rampage on Chicago streets and highways during the start of the Christmas holiday today.

A shocking total of 13 traffic deaths occurred in the holiday's early hours, all but two of them in the Chicago area. There were four deaths from miscellaneous causes for a total of 17.

The Illinois traffic toll was by far the worst in the nation and in Chicago traffic smashups were occurring so fast that police were three hours behind in their attempts to tabulate them.

Chicago police estimated there had been hundreds of smashups on the city's streets since 6 p. m. Friday night so many that the force didn't have enough men to investigate them.

**Parties Get Rough**  
Too much holiday merriment was the factor behind most of the traffic deaths, Chicago police said.

Christmas parties also broke out in bloody violence and three men were either shot or knifed to death in the city.

A heavy fog added to the highway dangers. Many of the Chicago crashes developed into multi-car smashups as vehicles skidded into each other.

Illinois' most poignant holiday tragedy claimed an 18-month-old Moline boy whose name stands for Christmas.

Little Stephen Allan Noel choked to death on a piece of Christmas candy Friday night. Only three weeks old, his father had died.

**96 TRAFFIC DEATHS**  
**IN NATION SINCE**  
**BEGINNING OF HOLIDAY**

Holiday traffic accidents killed Americans at a rate of six every hour today and kept tragic pace with the forecast of 560 fatalities before the Christmas celebration is over.

Hurricane-force winds and killer floods which left 25,000 homeless in the West also spoiled the merriment of the nation's Christmas holidays.

The National Safety Council had warned that today—the day before Christmas—is the most deadly 24-hour span of the year on streets and highways. The mounting death toll changed the warning into reality.

A United Press count showed that 96 persons had died in traffic accidents across the nation since the holiday began at 6 o'clock Friday night. In addition, 8 persons died in fires and 7 in miscellaneous accidents for a holiday death total of 111.

Illinois led the traffic death count with 13, followed closely by Missouri with 12, Michigan had 8, Ohio and Pennsylvania 6, and California, New York, Georgia and Indiana 5 each.

**Godfrey Sends \$100,000**  
**Christmas Check to**  
**Air Force Aid Society**

WASHINGTON (AP) — TV star Arthur Godfrey has sent a \$100,000 Christmas check to the Air Force Aid Society to help Air Force families in need.

Society officials said Friday the check represented Godfrey's proceeds from a series of Saturday Evening Post articles about his life.

The society is a semi-official Air Force organization which provides financial help to airmen, their families and widows.

**Harrisburg Electric**  
**Awarded \$11,982**  
**Contract at Benton**

The Harrisburg Electric Co., headed by Mr. and Mrs. M. P. McDonald, has been awarded the electrical contract for \$11,982.00 on the construction of a new office building for Old Ben Coal Co., Benton.

The general contractor for this \$82,700 building to be erected early in 1956 is Bearden Construction Co., Marion.

**Child Chokes to Death**

MOLINE, Ill. (AP) — Steven Allan Noel, an 18-month-old boy whose last name means a Christmas carol or a sign of joy, choked to death Friday night on a piece of Christmas candy.

## Feather River Smashes Through Yuba City Levee; Residents Are Evacuated

MARYSVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The Feather River smashed through the levee at nearby Yuba City early today forcing the evacuation of some 10,000 residents, plus thousands of Marysville citizens who had taken refuge there because of threats in their own area.

But Christmas Eve brought a glimmer of hope for some 25,000 homeless people. There was a let-up in the week-long series of violent storms which ravaged sections of California, Oregon and Nevada.

At least 15 persons were known to have died and property damage was estimated at nearly 10 million dollars in flood areas stretching along a 500-mile belt from south-central California to central Oregon and including the Reno area of Nevada.

Marysville is located in a hollow which would have filled up in a matter of minutes, while Yuba City is surrounded by mostly flat agricultural land which would allow the water to spread.

One of the last reports out of Yuba City said there were some signs of panic as residents crowded in their cars and pushed their way into lines of traffic heading for higher ground 50 miles away at Woodland and Colusa.

**New Breaks Feared**  
The evacuation was ordered because it was feared new breaks in the levees would flood the entire city, and no one was certain just how high the water might go.

Most of the residents of Marysville were evacuated to the Yuba City area Friday afternoon by order of the City Council of the thriving Sacramento Valley town.

**Pope Warns of Dangers in Nuclear Tests**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius XII warned today against the dangers of further nuclear explosions and called for a ban on the test and use of hydrogen and atomic weapons.

The pontiff emphasized, however, that the prohibition must be accompanied by simultaneous agreement on an effective system of inspection, control and disarmament.

He warned that the fate of the "whole human race" is at stake in his annual Christmas message to the world.

The Pope cited detailed scientific reasons for halting nuclear explosions and painted a grim picture of the horrors which await man unless he restricts the powers of the atom to peaceful uses.

Without mentioning it by name, the Pope supported President Eisenhower's proposal for mutual aerial inspection and the plan to set up listening posts and similar controls around the globe.

The Pope's message was broadcast around the world in 29 languages by seven national radio networks. His "live" audience included 16 cardinals and high-ranking church and lay officials.

The Pope's voice was clear and firm throughout his 45-minute address. He appeared in excellent condition for a man of his years, in striking contrast to last Christmas when he was so weak he could not deliver his annual message personally.

"Efforts toward peace," he said, "must consist not only in measures aimed at restricting the possibility of waging war, but even more in preventing, or eliminating, or lessening with time the quarrels between nations which might lead to war."

**John L. Ford, 94**

John L. Ford, who was 94 years of age and who resided at 211 West Park, died yesterday at 6:20 p. m. at the Harrisburg hospital. Death was due to complications.

He was a retired coal miner and had made his home in Harrisburg practically all of his life. The son of John and Mary Ford, he was born in Tell City, Ind., March 5, 1861.

He leaves his wife, Mary, and the following children: Mrs. Robert Eddy and Mrs. Jessie McNeese, both of Harrisburg; John W. Ford, Santa Ana, Calif.; Mrs. Millie Wodde, Seymour, Ind.; and Noble Clark, Gary, Ind.; three stepchildren: Mrs. Roscoe Anthony, Mrs. Floyd Kennedy and Clarence Parks, all of Chicago; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Heck, and a brother, Henry Ford, both of Tell City, Ind., and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Turner funeral home. Rev. E. C. Fisher, pastor of the Charleston street Church of God where he was a member, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Carl Downey. Burial will be in Sunset Lawn cemetery.

**Gov't Mobilizes To Rush Aid to Flooded Areas**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government today mobilized its resources to rush aid to flood-stricken areas in the West.

President Eisenhower Friday declared California, hit hardest by the floods, a major disaster area. He notified Gov. Goodwin J. Knight by telegram that the federal Civil Defense Administration will be provided "such funds as are necessary to supplement state and local efforts" in the widespread relief program.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson offered California and Oregon surplus foods for the emergency feeding of flood victims. The Small Business Administration declared northern California, southern Oregon and western Nevada as disaster areas.

The moves came swiftly on the heels of a personal plea from Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) to Mr. Eisenhower for all possible federal help to flood-stricken areas of California.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said the President's action gives the Civil Defense Administration a virtual "blank check" in its flood relief activities. He said it was similar to federal action in the northeastern floods last summer.

Civil Defense Administrator Val Peterson said early estimates of the damage were between seven and eight million dollars.

Chairman E. Roland Harriman of the American Red Cross assured the President that his organization has made all its resources available to flood victims and "assistance will continue until all needs are met."

## C. E. Ludlow, 80, Retired Merchant, Dies at Eldorado

Charles E. Ludlow, 80, retired merchant whose home was on Forest street in Eldorado, died this morning at 6 o'clock.

The body will lie in state at the Martin funeral home from 9:30 Sunday morning until the funeral hour which will be Monday at 2 p. m. at the funeral home. Rev. W. L. Cummins, pastor of the Methodist church in Harrisburg, will officiate and burial will be in Lindale Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Ludlow was born in Mt. Vernon, Ind., the son of George and Sarah Ludlow.

He leaves a son, Dan Ludlow, Harrisburg RFD 4; one daughter, Mrs. Donna B. Morgan, Des Moines, Ia., and a granddaughter, Mrs. Glen Keneipp; and one brother, Luther Ludlow, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

A brother, James W. Ludlow, preceded him in death.

**En Route Home To Visit His Four Children**

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#### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

You do not have because you do  
not ask—James 4:2.

If we pray for rain we show our  
sincerity by carrying an umbrella.  
Many pray without the remotest  
expectation or wish that our pray-  
ers be answered. We ask great  
things, but do not use the immedi-  
ate things we can use as tools. God  
has no hands but ours.

#### Veto Powers

The president of the United  
States may veto any bill, regard-  
less of its character. He may veto  
both private and public bills, but  
he cannot veto separate items of  
bills.

**CLOVER CLUB**  
2 MILES EAST OF  
DENTON  
STATE ROUTE 150  
OPEN  
CHRISTMAS  
(SUNDAY)  
Floor Show  
and Band  
STERNS and CRICKET



... and a snowfall  
of our best wishes in the  
true pattern of the Yuletide.  
May your day be a merry one and filled  
all things good, this Christmas!

**Exide Studebaker Sales**

## The Spirit of Christmas



At this joyous time  
of Christmas, may happiness  
fill your heart and may the blessings  
of peace, good health and good fortune be yours.

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## The DAILY WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON

DREW PEARSON Says:  
Boys In Arctic Enjoyed Pre-  
Christmas Entertainment;  
New York Hartford Models  
Staged Fashion Show Near  
North Pole; Morale Is High  
Among Isolated U. S. Troops.

THULE, GREENLAND. — If  
Christmas isn't quite what you  
think it should be this year; if  
you're exhausted from preparing  
the Christmas turkey, or trying to  
figure out what to buy your cous-  
ins and your uncles and your sis-  
ters and your aunts, or you're  
aggravated from too many pre-  
Christmas parties, think for a  
minute how you'd like to be up  
near the North Pole.

That's where 6,000 U. S. serv-  
icemen and three Army nurses  
are spending Christmas right now,  
together with several thousand  
more men at a whole string of  
bases extending from Newfound-  
land to Greenland to Labrador.  
And that's where I took a group  
of theatrical friends and Hartford  
models to bring a little variety to  
those long Arctic nights in the pre-  
Christmas season.

Stuart Symington, when secre-  
tary of the Air Force, had first  
suggested that I take a trip up to  
the polar area. But what with  
peeking through keyholes, crouch-  
ing under cabinet tables, and not  
wanting to compete with Bob  
Hope, I was never able to manage  
it until this year.

I must confess that although I  
started on the trip with the idea  
of doing something for the men  
stationed in the north, I'm sure I  
got more out of it than they did.

Our first stop out of New York  
was Goose Bay, Labrador. Land-  
ing at 8:30 p. m., we found 2,000  
men standing patiently in a huge  
hangar waiting for us. It was 10  
p. m. before Master of Ceremon-  
ies Billy Reed of the Little Club  
was able to get his girls ready,  
their Ceil Chapman gowns press-  
ed, their Peiser furs unpacked,  
their Nanier jewelry draped around  
their necks, and on the improv-  
ed stage made by backing three  
huge Air Force trucks together.

**MORALE IN ARCTIC**  
Morale isn't quite such a diffi-  
cult problem at Goose Bay as in  
northern Greenland. Troops are  
not quite so isolated, there are a  
few Canadian villages nearby,  
wives are permitted to live on the  
base, and friendly Canadian  
troops are stationed nearby. But  
the 125 inches of snow that stacked  
up around the eaves of the bar-  
acks last year and almost every  
year doesn't make Goose Bay a  
Sun Valley or St. Moritz.

Actually, Col. James Knapp,  
the base commander, was afraid  
it would last too long. Colonel  
Knapp comes from the prairies  
around McComb, Ill., and has  
such a strong sense of duty that  
he has volunteered for another  
year in the Canadian wilderness.  
He also has a stern exterior and  
you would never guess that under-  
neath he is quite a sentimentalist.  
I saw him pick up a kitten in the  
hangar at night and give orders  
that it be taken someplace where  
it wouldn't get run over. Three  
days later when I returned from  
Greenland I found the kitten in  
his kitchen—despite the protests  
of Mrs. Knapp.

Having once been chairman of  
National Cat Week, I quickly dis-  
covered a common bond with the  
colonel.

Anyway, Colonel Knapp dis-  
creetly suggested that since the  
troops had been standing in the  
hangar since 8:30, our perform-  
ance shouldn't last more than an  
hour. But when Billy Reed fin-  
ally shoed his talent off the stage  
at 11:30 p. m., to the applause  
that 2,000 appreciative troops only  
can give, the colonel confessed  
he'd been overcautious.

#### PATRIOTIC PERFORMERS

The theatrical friends who were  
good enough to interrupt their  
work and take this rather grueling  
trip to the Arctic included Miss  
Ella Logan, dynamic star of  
"Finian's Rainbow"; Miss Pat  
Carroll, who has scored more  
laughs on TV than like has  
smiles in the newspapers; Jacques  
and Patricia Capella, who have  
danced through most of the capi-  
tals of Europe; the contagious  
comedy team of Cedrone and  
Mitchell; and the Jumping Jacks,  
four Air Force musicians who en-  
listed together and have stuck to-  
gether ever since.

Staging a fashion show of what  
they're wearing in New York and  
Greenland, were seven Hartford  
models—Ann Helm of Toronto,  
Jean Maggio of Mississippi, Pat  
Paulk of Elmont, N. Y., Louise  
Manning of Brooklyn, Gale Fahey  
of Woodstock, N. Y., Nicole Bedel  
of Paris, and Lou Bee of New  
York.

Billy Reed, the ex-Broadway  
hooper who retired from the stage  
to run the Little Club, came back  
to show business to put the pro-  
gram together, along with Mich-  
ael Sean O'Shea. All of them took  
time off, without urging by me,  
to go without sleep, get hit-and-  
miss meals and, on one occasion,  
put on three shows a day. But  
the response was worth it.

And when Ella Logan, after giv-  
ing performances at 2 p. m., 5 p.  
m., and 8:30 p. m., came back to  
the mess hall in Thule, Green-  
land, to find that the cooks and  
dishwashers hadn't been able to  
get away to see any of the three  
shows, she sent down to the plane  
for an accordion and proceeded to  
give another midnight private per-  
formance for the mess-hall staff.

It lasted until 2 a. m. and we  
had to get up that morning at 6,  
to fly all day for our next show on  
the Arctic pre-Christmas Merry-  
Go-Round.

#### HUMAN MIRACLE

I reported in an earlier column  
that Thule air base on the polar  
cap of Greenland is an engineer-  
ing miracle. More important, it's  
a human miracle.

When you consider that 6,000  
men live at Thule, without leave  
for a year, with no chance to vis-  
it the USA, no contact with wives,  
children, or sweethearts, it's a  
real miracle in human relations.

From mid-November until the  
end of February they can't see the  
sun. When they go outside, even  
at 12 noon, they were illumined  
Scotch tape on the arms of their  
parkas to show up against auto  
headlights and keep from being  
run down in the blackness.

You've heard of men in isolat-  
ed areas going stark mad from  
loneliness. But there's none of  
this at Thule. On the contrary,  
men were living together, working  
together with a teamwork that  
made you proud. Lonesome for  
their wives and families—yes.  
But, as Colonel Rohr, commander  
at Thule, told me, he feels he  
will be a better husband and father  
when he gets back home in San  
Antonio as a result of his experi-  
ence in the Arctic.

Some of the rest of us can be  
glad that while we enjoy the gen-  
erosity of Santa Claus at this  
Christmas season we don't actual-  
ly have to live in Santa Claus  
land.

### Leningrad Goes Wild Over Cast of 'Porgy and Bess'

LENINGRAD —The American  
company of "Porgy and Bess" to-  
day sang Christmas carols over a  
Soviet radio. It was the first time  
since the 1917 revolution that such  
songs have been broadcast in the  
Soviet Union.

The Americans were forgetting  
the sub-zero cold this Christmas  
Eve in the warmth of their recep-  
tion in the Soviet's second largest  
city.

Leningrad has gone wild over the  
members of the first American  
troupe to ever visit the Soviet  
Union. And the Americans almost  
unanimously agree that this is the  
most enthusiastic reception they  
have enjoyed in their years of  
globetrotting.

"Porgy and Bess" is scheduled  
to open a 12-show run here on Dec.  
26. The troupe then will continue  
to Moscow where 10 performances  
are scheduled.



## At This Special Time of the Year, We Have Something Special To Say:

For any retail store to be successful, it must create and maintain an elusive,  
intangible, and very important item: Customer good will.

We have tried to keep up the good will of our customers through courtesy,  
efficiency, friendliness, and above all, by stocking our shelves and counters  
with the finest of foodstuffs at the lowest possible prices.

Your response to our efforts has been magnificent.

At this time of the year, when the Christmas spirit prevails and the hymn  
of "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men" is resounding through the  
land, we are more than ever grateful to you, our customers, for your con-  
tinued patronage. You have made us feel that our efforts have been worth  
while.

All of us at Excel wish all of you, our customers and friends,  
a joyful Christmas and a happy, prosperous 1956 . . . and  
again, permit us to say

# 'THANKS!'



Next to falls and machinery, animals rank third among the causes of accidental injuries to farm people.

## Television Programs

WSIL-TV—HARRISBURG  
Channel 22

### SATURDAY Evening

2:00—Double Feature Matinee  
5:30—It's Fun To Draw  
6:00—Cactus Pete  
6:30—Lucky Leroy  
6:45—Front Page  
7:00—Film  
7:30—Juniper Junction  
8:00—Dollar a Second  
8:30—Sports By-Line  
8:45—Wrestling  
9:45—Final Edition  
10:00—Million Dollar Movie  
11:30—Sign Off

### SUNDAY P. M.

12:00—Feature Movie  
1:00—Feature Movie  
2:30—Faith for Today  
3:00—The Big Picture  
3:30—This Is The Life  
4:00—Man to Man  
4:15—How Christian Science Heals  
4:30—Facts Forum  
5:00—Super Circus  
6:00—You Asked For It  
6:30—Disneyland  
7:30—MGM Parade  
8:00—Crossroads  
8:30—Headline  
9:00—Lawrence Welk Show  
10:00—Family Playhouse  
11:30—Sign Off

### MONDAY Morning and Afternoon

8:00—Today, NBC  
8:55—Wake-Up Music  
9:00—Ding Dong School, NBC  
9:30—Film  
10:00—Home, NBC  
11:00—Feature Movie  
12:00—Feature Movie  
2:15—Pro Football

### MONDAY EVENING

5:30—Movie Quick Quiz  
5:55—Weather Vane  
6:00—Cactus Pete  
6:30—Lucky Leroy  
6:45—Front Page  
7:00—Film  
7:30—Prophecy Quartet  
8:00—Wrestling from Hollywood  
9:00—Reader's Digest  
9:30—Organ Melodies  
9:45—Four Star Final  
10:00—Family Playhouse  
11:30—Sign Off

### Ranked Differently

John Paul Jones never held a rank higher than captain in the United States Navy, but he was a vice admiral in the Russian navy.



## A CHRISTMAS GREETING

Let us harken to the clear-voiced choristers, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

Dealers for  
CADILLAC  
OLDSMOBILE

**HUMM MOTOR CO.**

217 East Poplar Phones 775—776

"Southern Illinois' Most Modern Garage"



Debbie Reynolds tells off Frank Sinatra in a scene from the MGM picture, "The Tender Trap," CinemaScope and Color, to show at the Grand Sunday and Monday.



Dorothy Malone fixes the tie of Liberace in this scene from "Sincerely Yours," a Warner Bros. picture in WarnerColor, to show at the Orpheum Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

## Social and Personal Items

### Spring Valley Bible Class Has Christmas Party

The Spring Valley Bible class met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Reed Thursday night for its December social. Prayer was offered by Cecil Nelson after which the group sang "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem."

The teacher, Mrs. Taylor Owen, told the story of "Christ's Birth" and the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Carl Downey. Gifts which had been placed beneath a beautifully decorated Christmas tree were exchanged and refreshments of sandwiches, Cokes and coffee were served to the following: Rev. and Mrs. Carl Downey, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gidcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Fulkerson, Cecil Nelson, Hattie Prather, Ellen Wasson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hancock, Mrs. Bertha Mattingly and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Reed.

### Mrs. Trafton Dennis Hostess to Fast Presidents Of Legion Auxiliary

Tuesday evening Mrs. Trafton Dennis entertained the past presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary in her beautifully decorated home for the annual Christmas party.

Her son, George, and small daughter, Rowena, entertained the group at the piano during the evening. Mrs. Lily Wing gave the devotion, "A True Christmas Story," portraying world brotherhood. After prayer was offered by Mrs. John Schwartz, the group sang several Christmas carols with Mrs. C. W. Whitley at the piano.

Gifts were exchanged, and Mrs. Dennis was assisted by Mrs. Freda Keltner in serving delicious refreshments to Mrs. Ernest Cozart, Mrs. C. E. Wing, Mrs. Arthur Moore, Mrs. Walter Wheatley, Mrs. Beulah Sisk, Mrs. Ardis Tate, Mrs. John Schwartz, Mrs. Kenneth O'Neal, Mrs. Paul Golish, Mrs. John Humm and Mrs. Sybil Whitley.

### Group of Children Present Program at P.E.O. Meeting

Chapter Z, P.E.O., held its Christmas meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. V. Capel.

After a short business meeting a program was presented by several of the members' children. Brad and Randy Wilson read "The Night Before Christmas" and Greg Sullivan acted as Santa Claus. While the group sang "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snow Man," Jimmy Slightom and Connie Cape acted as those two characters.

Francie Sullivan, Debbie Slightom and Kinderly Wilson sang "Jingle Bells." Connie Cape gave a Christmas reading after which the group concluded the program by singing "Silent Night."

Following the program refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

### Annual Candlelight Christmas Program by Mozart Club

The club room of the public library, lighted by candles only, was the setting for the annual Christmas party which was held Friday night by the members of the Mozart Music Club.

At appropriate intervals during the reading of the Biblical Christmas story by Mrs. L. N. Jarvis, sponsor of the club, the individual members played or sang carols.

The program was climaxed by a colorful tableau of the manger scene. Refreshments were served to those present which included several parents and friends of the club members.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Newman, Chicago, were expected to arrive today to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Lela Newman. It is also their eighth wedding anniversary. Their children, Bobbie and Jeanette Ann, will accompany them.

The Daily Register 25c a week by carrier boy.

### Mrs. Barbara Rice Hostess To Liberty Home Bureau Unit

The Liberty Home Bureau unit met at the home of Mrs. Barbara Rice for a Christmas party.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Mattie Cummins. After a short business session and social hour Christmas gifts were exchanged around a beautifully decorated tree.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mrs. Willie Hendren, Mrs. Leila Gibbs, Mrs. Naomi Dudley, Mrs. Natalie Wright, Mrs. Betty Kiehn, Mrs. Mattie Cummins and the hostess, Mrs. Barbara Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay W. Gaskins of Tucson, Arizona, are in Harrisburg for the Christmas holidays visiting Mr. Gaskins' mother, Mrs. W. O. Gaskins, and Mrs. Gaskins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hetherington, and other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarge Kensley and daughters, Louella and Susanah, of Chicago, are expected to arrive today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Kensley's mother, Mrs. W. O. Gaskins and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grant are going to spend Christmas with her twin sister, Mrs. Minnie Jones, and her brother, William Brockschmidt at Marion. Mrs. Grant operates Jennie's cafe on South Vine street in Harrisburg.

Mrs. W. H. Henry and her daughter, Mrs. B. Y. Clements, Little Rock, Ark., niece and grand-niece of Mrs. S. O. Durham, 714 North Main, are Christmas visitors in the Durham home and among other members of the family in this area. They plan to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sullivan.

### Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Coker, Dayton, O., formerly of Harrisburg, a girl named Debra Lynn, weighing six pounds, eight ounces, born Dec. 18. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Houston Coker and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Duncan.

**Many-Trunked Trees**  
The East Indian banyan tree sends down from its branches shoots which take root and become auxiliary trunks. One Calcutta banyan tree has 3000 such trunks.

The hourly wages of automobile manufacturing employees average 22 per cent higher than for all manufacturing in the United States.



**Best Wishes  
for Christmas  
Harrisburg  
Printers**

22 South Vine

## Merry Christmas...



The holiday season means so much to us, at Schnierle's, in that it gives us the opportunity to look back through the year and be so thankful for the many friends we have had the privilege of serving... Our sincerest desire is to serve you better in 1956.



We will be closed Sunday and Monday, Dec. 25th and 26th, so that those who serve you at Schnierle's may enjoy Christmas at home.

**SCHNIERLE'S**

PLEASURE DINING FOR 19 YEARS



**SEASON'S  
GREETINGS**

from all of us at...

**Carps**

Serving you is a pleasure,  
This is a privilege that we treasure.

To mothers, fathers, girls and boys,  
We wish you all the season's joys.

Good health and happiness in coming years,  
To this toast we give THREE CHEERS.

## Go to Church on Christmas

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Cordially Invites You To Attend

**Combined Sunday School and Morning Worship**

9:30 a. m. Sunday

(THIS SERVICE WILL BE BROADCAST AT 10:45 A. M. OVER WEBQ)

**Evening Service, 6:30 P. M.**

**Combined Training Union and Evening Worship**

**SERVICE of CAROLS and CANDLES**

"WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH CHRIST ON CHRISTMAS?"

**ORDERED SOLD!**



**STARTS TUESDAY  
\$500,000 Surplus Stock**

**ORDERED SOLD  
at RECHTER BROS.  
DON'T MISS IT!!**

**STARTS TUESDAY, DEC. 27 -- 9 A.M. AT YOUR NEAREST RECHTER STORE**

PRICES HAVE BEEN SLASHED TO THE BONE TO SELL OUT TONS OF MERCHANDISE IN JUST 5 SHORT DAYS... WE'LL BE READY FOR YOU AT 9 A. M. TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, WITH THE GREATEST SALE IN OUR HISTORY...

**WATCH FOR BIG SALE CIRCULAR IN YOUR MAIL BOX!**

**All Ladies' and Girls'  
Nylon-Orlon Sweaters**

**Reduced**

**All Men's Work Shoes  
And Work Boots**

**Reduced**

**All Ladies' and Girls'  
Corduroy Crazy Pants**

**Reduced**

**All Ladies' and Girls'  
Corduroy Jack Shirts**

**Reduced**

**All Men's and Boys'  
WINTER JACKETS**

**Reduced**

**All Men's and Boys'  
Leather Dress Gloves**

**Reduced**

**All Men's and Boys'  
FLANNEL SHIRTS**

**Reduced**

**Men's Underwear and  
SWEAT SHIRTS**

**Reduced**

**All Men's Suits, Top-  
Coats and Sport Coats**

**Reduced**

**Ladies' & Children's  
WINTER COATS**

**Reduced**

# RECHTER'S

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## (1) Notices

**NOTICE OF LETTING**  
The Saline County Board of Supervisors will receive bids for a four inch brick lattice around porch of County Jail.  
Specifications will be furnished by R. E. Field, Chairman of Building Committee.  
All bids to be in by Jan. 18, 1956.  
The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 151-3

## The E. & V. Cafe

420 S. Granger  
WILL BE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
AND MONDAY.

**HARRISBURG TRANSFER CO.**  
Inc., Wheaton Van Lines, agent.  
Ph. 87 day—617-J night.  
702 E. Locust  
Moving and storage. 118-1f

**NOTICE OF LETTING**  
The Saline County Board of Supervisors will receive bids on painting the interior of Saline County Court house.  
The Building Committee will be at the court house Thursday morning, January 5, 1956 at 10 A. M. Anyone interested in placing a bid may be there and the committee will have specifications of what is to be done.  
The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
All bids to be in by 10 A. M. January 18, 1956. 151-3

**MIDWEST DRIVE-IN CAFE**  
will be  
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY  
Open Again and Ready to  
Serve You,  
MONDAY, DEC. 26.

**In Memoriam**  
In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Alice Stunson, who passed away Dec. 25, 1943.  
When a mother breathes her last farewell,  
The stroke means more than tongue can tell.  
The world seems quite another place  
Without the smile of mother's face.  
And while she lies in peaceful sleep  
Her memory we shall always keep.  
Sadly missed by her husband, Cleve Stunson, and children, Mrs. Ruth Feazel, Mrs. Imogene Fowler, Harold, Russell and George Stunson. \*151-1

**ASK FOR TOP VALUE STAMPS**  
with every purchase at IRVIN APPLIANCE CO. 121—

## Thompson & Allen Cafe

will be closed Sunday — Christmas Day, and Monday, and will reopen Tuesday at 5 a. m.

**CALL 520 WAYNE'S TAXI**  
3 insured cabs. 24 Hr. service. \*144-10

**In Memoriam**  
In loving memory of Clyde T. Simmons, who was killed 13 years ago Christmas morning, Dec. 25, 1941.  
December brings sad memories.  
My heart is filled with pain  
As I listen for your footsteps,  
That I'll never hear again.  
We always sit and think of you  
As Christmas time draws near,  
And of the way you had to die  
And could never say goodbye.  
A happy home we once enjoyed  
How sweet the memories still,  
But death has left a loneliness  
The world can never fill.  
Sadly missed by wife, Opal Simmons, and Father, Frank Simmons. \*151-1

## CLOSED CHRISTMAS Open Monday with Tasty Food to Fill You with More Good Cheer. JENNIE'S CAFE

SHOOTING MATCH MON. DEC. 25. Freshly killed pork as gifts. CLAUDE McDERMOTT, Ledford. Not responsible for accidents. \*150-2

## THE FRIENDLY 4-WAY CAFE

Next to Martin's Service Station on U. S. 45  
WILL BE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
Will open Monday, Dec. 26, at 5 a. m.

**In Memoriam**  
In loving memory of A. J. Glass who passed away one year ago today.  
To have, and to hold, then to part  
Is the greatest sorrow of one's heart.  
Sadly missed by his wife, children and grandchildren. 151-1

## (2) Business Services

**ALUMITE LUBRICATION SERVICE.** See Frank Owens, Saline Motor Co. \*150-3

## (2) Business Serv. (Cont.)

PHONE 197  
**DOWDY RADIO & TV SERVICE**  
also all electrical appliance repair.  
900 Longley St. 134-1f

PHONE 55  
**ARMSTRONG FURNACES, COAL, GAS AND OIL.**  
Air cooled and water cooled air conditioning. Stokers and guttering.  
**CITY COAL YARD AND TIN SHOP** 285-1f

**TREE TRIMMING SERVICE:**  
Topping, pruning, removing. Also spraying. Insured. Ph. 1051 after 5 p. m. 126-1f

## Wrecker Service At Night Call 214-R

Saline Motor Co., "Chevrolet Sales and Service" Phone 69 or 68  
Operator, Rodney Myers

**WATER WELL DRILLING. QUENTIN Richey, Carrier Mills, ph. 3273.** 36-1f

**ROOFING, SIDING AND HOT MAPPING.** rock wool insulation. Sherwin Williams Paint. FREE ESTIMATES. Easy terms. ARCHIE ABNEY HOME SUPPLY AND ROOFING. Ph. 1457-R. 29—

**FULL LINE OF MAYTAG WASHER parts.** Service on all makes of conventional and automatic washers. Irvin Appliance Co., 615 Poplar. Ph. 1146. 4-1f

**NOTEBOOKS, SHEETS, INDEXES,** for every need. Harrisburg Printers, 22 S. Vine, Phone 1180. 289-1f

**BAKER TV SERVICE**  
Day, Nite, Sunday  
Ph. Galatia 48-C

**RUGS AND WALL-TO-WALL carpet cleaning.** Gus Schmitz. Ph. 216-R.

## (3) For Rent

3 RM. MOD. APT. ON S. VINE. Dr. E. M. Travelstead. 127-1f

3 RM. MOD. FURN. APT. 116-A W. Locust. \*147-5

## (4) For Sale

**DRY CLEANABLE MEN'S** sweaters, jackets, imported Heek-sues. Henshaw's Clothing, Carrier Mills. \*125-25

**WOULD SELL A PART OF MY** oil rights on 60 acres adjoining new development in Galatia township. 1-4 mile west of 1st well. Fenton Baker, Rt. 2, Galatia, Ill. 150-5

**LIVE BAIT FOR FISHERMEN.** tropical fish, parakeets, a cockatoo, and live monkey. Supplies for birds and fish. PYRAMID LIVE BAIT CO., Eldorado, Ill. 119—

**BABY PARAKEETS, ALL COLORS.** C. F. Xanders, Dorris Hts. Ph. 794-R3. 146-6

**BEAUTIFUL 1955 CROSLLEY** range. Best terms and trades. O'Keefe. 216—

**SAHARA COAL, WASHED AND** oiled. Kindling, chat, rock, sand and limestone. Milligan Coal Yard, Ph. 507-W.

**CURLEE GABARDINE TOPS,** coats, 25% off. HENSHAW CLOTHING, Carrier Mills, Ill. 145-7

**SAVE MORE ON FURNITURE** at UZZLE'S. Night shopping hours for your convenience. Ask for Top Value Stamps. 135-1f

**2-1/2 TON GOOD STOKER COAL.** \$10. Phone 384. 150-3

**INTERIOR TRIM AND WALL** panelling, all kinds. O'Keefe, Carrier Mills. 216—

**YOUR DOLLARS HAVE MORE** sense at UZZLE'S in Carrier Mills and Eldorado. We give Top Value Stamps. 135-1f

**DRIVE A LITTLE WAY, SAVE A** lot. Shop at UZZLE'S in Eldorado and Carrier Mills. We give Top Value Stamps. 135-1f

**NEW 1956 DESK CALENDARS** and refills now at Harrisburg Printers, 22 South Vine. 146-1f

**VACUUM CLEANERS**  
are our only business.  
O. R. Buford, Mt. Vernon.

\*46 GMC 3-4 TON FLATBED truck, 2 new tires, \$175. Monarch coal range with water tank. 10 N. Water. \*149-3

Good Used 9x12 Wool Rug  
**Today \$37.95**  
Will be reduced \$1 each day until sold.  
**Lloyd L. Parker**

**CAR LOAD SHEET ROCK.** O'Keefe Lumber Co. 99—

**USED REFRIGERATORS AND** deep freezers, late models. Extremely low priced. UZZLE FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE stores, Eldorado and Carrier Mills. 124—

**1956 DESK CALENDAR REFILLS** now available at Harrisburg Printers, 22 South Vine. 146-1f

**ALMOST NEW SILVERTONE** cornet and case, \$60. Gus Turner, Rt. 1, Carrier Mills. \*150-3

## Thinking of Putting In A Classified Ad?

If you have something for sale, for rent, or that you want to buy, you may get your ad free of charge Monday or Tuesday. Up to date more than 7400 straight classified ads have been sold in 1955. The person who orders the 7500th ad will get it free of charge.

THEY WILL ALSO GET AS A GIFT A BOX OF PERSONALIZED RYTEX LETTER PAPER.

These ads may be phoned or brought in, and must be received before 10 a. m. on the date of publication. When the 7500th is taken the ad taker will tell the customer.

## The Register Want Ad Phone is 224

## (4) For Sale (Cont.)

**BLUE BIRD COAL, WASHED,** oiled; treated. 3 x 6 and stoker. Jackson Ice & Coal, ph. 256. 1-1f

**FINER FURNITURE AT LOWER** cost at UZZLE'S in Eldorado and Carrier Mills. We give Top Value Stamps. 135-1f

**HOLIDAY Greetings**  
**SANTY'S CAFE**  
In Carrier Mills  
WILL BE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
AND MONDAY

**STORM DOORS AND WINDOWS.** Phone for free estimate, O'Keefe Lumber Co. 87—

PHONE 55  
**Blue Bird Coal, all grades.** City Coal Yard and Tin Shop. 285-1f

**WARM MORNING HEATERS.** Terms. O'Keefe Lumber Co. 86—

**SEVERAL LATE MODEL MAYTAG** conventional washers, all in perfect condition. \$59.50 and up. UZZLES FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE stores in Eldorado and Carrier Mills. We give Top Value Stamps. 146-6

**GOOD RABBIT HOUND.** PHONE County 13F3. \*150-2

**27 HD. CATTLE, ONE BULL,** 11 brood sows, 26 shoats, One Yorkshire boar, 150 lbs., one AC WD 45 tractor, used one season; 1 AC 3 BTM. plow; one AC 2-row cultivator; one John Deere 25 combine; 7 ft. 1 Deerborne grain drill, 13 discs; one case 1-row corn picker; one 7 ft. IHC mower; one 3-sect. IHC harrow; 1 rubber tire wagon; 50 bu. oats. CLYDE RUSSELL FARM, 4 mi. N. of Rileyville. \*148-4

**HUNTING LICENSES, SHELLS,** new and used guns, 5 HP Evinrude motor, Notary Public Service. Naugle's Dept. Store, Harco. 145—

**RED JACKET ELECTRIC WATER** systems on terms you can well afford. O'Keefe Lumber Co. 85—

**A NEW ROOF AND NEEDED** repairs cost only a few cents a day. Terms. O'Keefe Lumber Co. 87—

**GET AN ESTIMATE** MODERN CONSTRUCTION Repair—Remodel  
ALUMINUM storm doors, windows. HOUSTON SMITH  
1033 S. ROOSEVELT. 69—

**FOR AN ENJOYABLE EVENING** take home a box of Hollingsworth's delicious candies from the Rainbow Rexall Drug Store. 87—

**800 BALES OF GOOD HAY,** average 75 lb. per bale. See Mac at Mac's Goodyear Store. 139—

**FOR THAT LAST MINUTE GIFT,** try Rainbow's Rexall Drug Store. We gift wrap it for you. Rainbow's Rexall Drug Store. 221—

**FOR THE BEST IN TERMS AND** trade-in allowance, make your next automobile purchase from PORTER & KENT CHEVROLET CO., SHAWNEETOWN. 62-1f

**TURKEYS: 40c LB. ON FOOT,** \$1 extra for dressing. All toms over 20 lbs., 35c lb. Roy Lane, Hbg. RFD 3, ph. 51F2. \*128-24

**A NEW SHIPMENT OF RCA** Televisions await your selection at UZZLE'S APPLIANCE STORE in Carrier Mills. Famous for quality the world over. We give Top Value Stamps. 135-1f

The Daily Register 25c a week by carrier boy.

Our holiday wish for all our friends and neighbors: may your Yuletide be as bright as holly berries . . . as everlastingly beautiful as its evergreen leaves.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

**REED FLOWER SHOP**  
WILMA and LARRY  
LEO and NELL

When dawns that wonderous day,  
And men to Him draw near,  
We know it is not very far  
From Bethlehem to here!

Federal grading and stamping of beef was started by the Agriculture Department May 1, 1927.

## Calendar Of Meetings

The Galatia Masonic lodge will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the lodge hall. Work in the M. M. degree. John Boyett, W. M.

Notice Masons: Special meeting called at the Masonic temple Tuesday, Dec. 27. Work in the M. M. degree. Visitors welcome. Louie M. Stricklin, W. M.

There will be a stated meeting of Galatia 100F lodge No. 433 Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.

I. O. O. F. lodge No. 386 will hold its regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. All members urged to attend. Everett Carter, N. G.

Don't forget that someone will get their ad free early next week when The Daily Register's 7500th classified for 1955 is written . . . also a free box of personalized Ry-tex letter paper.

Rev. Joe Morman, pastor of the First Baptist church of Harrisburg, will be in charge of the W. C. T. U. program over WEBQ Monday at 7:45 p. m.

## Peruvian Army Ordered to Quell Four-Day Revolt

AREQUIPA, Peru (UP) — The Army took over this south Peruvian "cradle of revolution" today with orders to quell a four-day-old "revolt" supported by students, union leaders and the local police.

Maj. Gen. Ricardo Perez Godoy, commander of the garrison here, assumed control of the city and province of Arequipa in place of Gov. Ernesto Plucker, who resigned when the police lined up with anti-government forces.

Several persons were injured Wednesday when police fired into the crowd at a pro-government mass meeting in the worst incident reported so far in the subversive upheaval.

No other major violence has been reported, but commercial activity in Arequipa was virtually paralyzed Friday by a general strike called to enforce rebel demands for the resignation of Interior Minister Alejandro Esparza Zañartu and the repeal of the unpopular internal security law.

## Stevenson, Douglas Send Messages To Free Europe

NEW YORK (AP) — Adlai E. Stevenson, 1952 Democratic presidential candidate, said in a special message to be broadcast by Radio Free Europe that this nation looks "with longing" to the time when its friends everywhere can live in peace and freedom.

Stevenson and Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D-Ill.) were among those who contributed special messages to a Christmas Day program to be beamed to the peoples of Eastern Europe.

"All of us in America look with longing to the day when our friends in every land can live in peace and speak with the freedom with which we ourselves have been blessed," said Stevenson. "No man is finally free until all mankind is free."

## Reds Clamp 'Scrooge Blockade' On East Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — The Communists clamped a "Scrooge blockade" on Red Berlin today, forbidding shortage-plagued East Germans to shop in the western sectors and holding up Christmas gifts sent them by friends and relatives in the West.

The Communist Berliner Zeitung said Red police confiscated \$4,250 worth of goods, food and western currency from Germans who had saved their money for months in hope of a chance to Christmas shop in the lavishly-supplied West. Allied officials said that, for senseless arrogance, the shopping ban could be compared only to the Communist confiscation of the food parcels of the United States sent to hungry East Germans two years ago.

Another Red organ, Der Morgen, indicated that Christmas mail from the West will be held up indefinitely.

The Red organ added that even food parcels are being pierced with "sterile probes" by the searchers.

## Gifts

By Katherine F. Hennessy  
Each has his gift to bring  
To earth, a song to sing.  
Or talent to create some lovely thing.

But gifts we hold  
Of thought or gold  
Will turn to ashes in a little while.  
Joy cannot be possessed  
Until it is expressed;  
To hug a cheery laugh too close to one's breast

Will crush its mirth;  
Oh, give Joy birth!  
Some sad thought is redeemed by every smile.

## Not Very Far

By W. C. Thurston  
Again the shepherd's vision  
And above a guiding star;  
A sign to look within our hearts  
For one they sought afar.

When dawns that wonderous day,  
And men to Him draw near,  
We know it is not very far  
From Bethlehem to here!

Federal grading and stamping of beef was started by the Agriculture Department May 1, 1927.



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BY ROBERT CARSE

**THE STORY: Capt. Jered Naish,** a new hand at whaling, sails into the South Atlantic with a motley crew and brutal officers. Off the Brazil coast they sight their first pod of whale.

XI

The sails drew full with only a slight tremble at the leeches as the breeze varied. Mr. Cupp led, his tarpaulin had jammed on the back of his head, an unsmoked pipe upside-down in his mouth. "Ain't a smoker," he had explained. "But the pipe keeps me from hollerin' too much at Diego."

Diego stood stripped to the waist in the bow. His harpoon lay in the crutch and was already bent onto the tub line. Simpson, Post and Simon Purdy, as was their duty, faced aft and watched Mr. Cupp Sweat was on their faces, and by their postures Naish could divine the tension that gripped them. They had nothing to do but sit and think of the approaching danger.

Naish experienced a sensation of awe that rapidly changed to pride. He commanded this ship, those boats and men. Twenty-eight foot boats, half inch white cedar on oak frames against whales that were nearly triple that in length and must weigh upward of 60 tons. An unequal, a practically suicidal struggle if you failed to consider in detail the skill, the courage of the attackers.

Mr. Cupp with a hand signal had given the order to take in the sail. It was furled, the mast unstepped and shipped aft. The oars were out, in the water, pulling. Mr. Cupp peered at the whale. Another 10 yards, another five. Abreast of the back hump, Diego had the harpoon hefted. He cast.

The whale seemed to spring into the complete perpendicular with the blow. Fins and the what might have been two, at massive tail flukes flashed. For the most three seconds the whale was poised above the boat.

Naish muttered the words that he knew Mr. Cupp shouted. "Stern all, you bullies! Pull!"

Diego had headed aft in the boat in the exchange of ends with Mr. Cupp. The mate lunged past him forward to seize a lance. Diego and Mr. Cupp were unafraid. But courage had gone out of the three men at the oars. They didn't sternal; their fright contrived to bring their heads around to stare back and up at the whale.

The whale had fallen, a huge, glistening gray force of immediate destruction. The boat went wholly from sight. There was a flurrying cascade of flung water, another, another, and then the stern was apparent. The stern alone. The whale had sounded, gone many fathoms deep. Fragments of planks, an oar, a hat floated among the bit. The other whales had taken fright and sounded. The sea was empty except for the two boats that rowed in towards the wreck-age.

The boat wheft, the small flag used for signaling the ship, was raised and the signal meant death.

Naish gazed down at the quarter deck. Mr. Bothwick looked up at him with eyes wide with shock. "Head down and pick them up," Naish called.

Whatever man was dead, he was responsible. He hadn't listened to Mr. Cupp. By example, by explanation and gentle discipline he had hoped to make sailors out of the greenies who had just acted so miserably. Mr. Cupp had wanted to toughen them with blows and kicks, a rope end, a belaying pin, and Mr. Cupp had warned Naish his method wouldn't work. Idealistic, soft-hearted swab. . .

He was down from the mast and on the quarter deck when Mr. Wilson's boat came alongside. Mr. Cupp, blood over his singlet in a carmine ooze, was supported in the stern sheets. His rib cage was smashed, for he breathed with a terrible, stertorous gasping. His legs were broken also, and he was lifted aboard in Tatem's and Larned's arms. He was conscious; he could talk, and he was aware that he was about to die.

"Diego, I reckon, didn't have a chance," he said. His mournful but calm gaze was inflexible on Naish. "Got his leg caught in a bight of the line when them fellers batched on us. Tell my woman for me it wasn't my fault."

A tremor took the body convulsively and then he was dead.

Tatem and Larned had been standing beside him. They moved away and went to the main pin rail and they were joined by Kitchen and Mr. Finnie. Frowning slightly, not speaking, they took the six-inch long oak pins from the rail and walked forward in a loose semicircular line.

Simpson, Simon Purdy and Post had gone forward when they boarded heads down and shoulders hunched. They rested by the foote scuttle, furtive and lonely and sullen in their fright.

They beat Purdy to his knees and unconscious. Simpson tried to jump over the side and Kitchen seized him in the shrouds and beat him with mechanical precision. Post simply crouched with his arms locked over his head and sobbed. He was kicked upright to be clubbed.

## Joy to Others

By John Greenleaf Whittier  
For somehow, not only at Christ-mas, but  
All the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others is  
the  
Joy that comes back to you.

Before laundering a sweater, run a line of basting stitches through the ribbed neckline to prevent stretching.

## Georgia Democrat Replaces Cross As ICC Member

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rupert L. Murphy, Georgia Democrat and textile executive, Friday succeeded former Chairman Hugh W. Cross as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Cross, an Illinois Republican, resigned last month under fire.

President Eisenhower named the 46-year-old Murphy to serve out the remainder of Cross' term which expires Dec. 31, 1957.

Cross, appointed to the ICC by former President Truman, resigned as chairman of the commission on Nov. 25 while the Senate investigating subcommittee was looking into a possible conflict of interest. He left with a blast at the "baseless" charges against him.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION

I. Ray W. Altmire, having decided to quit the drug and curb service business, will sell to the highest bidder all drug fixtures and stock, which consists of baby needs, first aid needs, liniments, tonics, cough medicines, cold remedies, rubber goods, dog remedies, fishing equipment, sporting goods, cosmetics, toys, gifts, Kodaks and supplies. And all other drug store items remaining. Also bobtail soda fountain, front bar, back bar with three 36-inch mirrors; 16-ft. magazine rack, 8 wall drug cases, 8 4-place wooden booths and tables, 2 coke dispensers, 2 malt mixers, electric juice extractor, life-time carbonator, cash register, 6-burner grill with two open fire burners, one lot of fountain glassware, one lot of luncheonette dishes, pots and pans, 18-ft. beverage dry cooler, one 4-ft. refrigerator, 200-lb. ice storage box, 6 floor show cases, 4 floor display counters, 2 wrapping counters, one 50-gallon automatic gas water heater. Other items too numerous to mention.

DATE, DECEMBER 29, 30 and 31.  
TIME 7 p. m.

## EVERYBODY'S DRUG-SUNDRY STORE

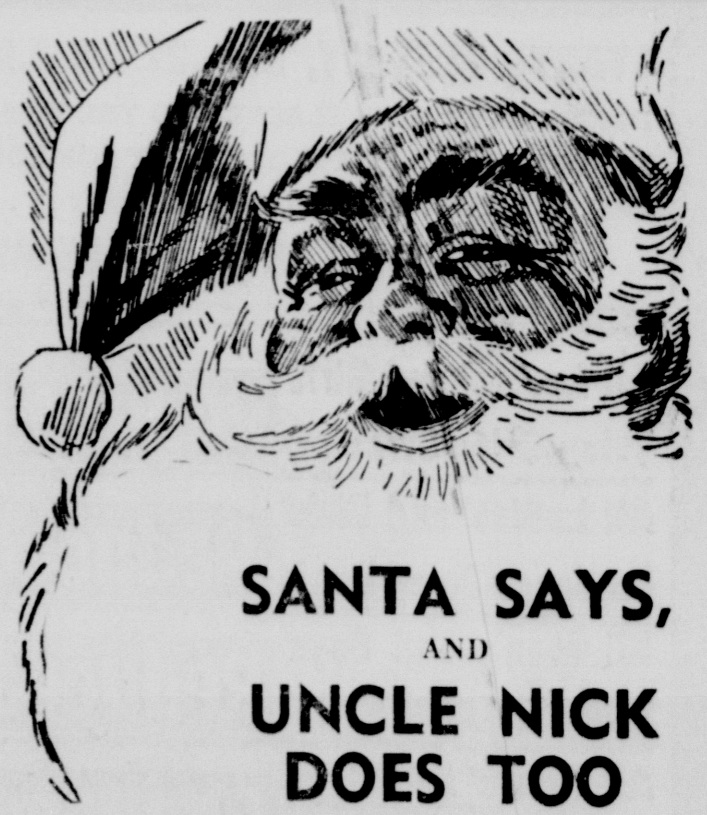
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Herman Driskell, clerk.  
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## The Harrisburg City Police Department and City Fire Department wish to thank the public for its co-operation during the past year, and wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

CHARLES R. HINE, Commissioner

Police Department: Chief Ross Lane, Tom Gram, W. R. (Pat) Atkinson, John Dunn, Link Rann, Harvey Vineyard.

Fire Department: Chief L. G. Martin, Lawrence Logsdon, Harvey Hicks.



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AND  
UNCLE NICK  
DOES TOO**

## Happy Holidays EAT OUT

EAT AT THE  
**45 DRIVE-IN**  
U. S. ROUTE 45  
OR AT  
**NICK'S**

"THE TALK OF THE TOWN"

# Sunday CHURCHES

**Ledford Baptist**  
Olen Clarida, pastor  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Guy Yates Jr., superintendent.  
Preaching 10:45 a. m.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.; Henry Maddox, director.  
Evening service 7.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Bankston Fork Baptist**  
Paul E. Dann, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Quentin Swan, supt.  
Preaching service 10:45 a. m.  
B. T. U. 6 p. m. Fred Thompson, B. T. U. director.  
Preaching service 7 p. m.  
Brotherhood Tuesday 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Everlasting Church of God**  
11 Towle Street  
Gordon Reeder, pastor  
Saturday night service 7.  
Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Sunday evening service 7.  
Wednesday prayer meeting 7.  
Fellowship meeting at the church every fourth Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

**Pankeyville Baptist**  
Ray Daniels, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Kallie Sadler, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.; Bill Ritsch, director.  
Evening worship 7:30.  
Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**Equality Social Brethren**  
L. L. Gullett, minister  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Clarence Colbert, superintendent.  
Worship service first and third Sunday 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist**  
Carlos McSparrin, pastor  
Group study hour Friday 7:30 p. m.  
Sabbath school Saturday 10 a. m.  
Worship service Saturday 11 a. m.

**Raleigh Methodist**  
Rev. Roy Hudson, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Ted Landrum, superintendent.  
Preaching services each Sunday morning. Second and fourth Sundays 9:30, first and third, 10:30.  
Prayer meeting Thursday 7:30 p. m.  
Revival services will begin Wednesday, Nov. 30, and continue thru Dec. 11. Everyone cordially invited.

**Church of Christ**  
Bible study 10 a. m.  
Worship and communion service 10:45 a. m.  
Evening service 7 p. m.  
Radio broadcast Monday through Friday 8:30 to 8:45 a. m.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Church of God**  
515 South Land Street  
M. W. DeWitt, pastor  
Air-conditioned building.  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Thurman Meier, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
Young People's Endeavor Friday 7:30 p. m.; Mrs. Earl Gunter, president.

**The Church of God (Muddy)**  
Louis Hearne, pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11.  
Evening worship 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**First Baptist Mission**  
Waldo Shelton, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Stanley Price, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Evening service 7:15.  
Prayer service Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

**First Cumberland Presbyterian**  
Galatia  
Barney Series, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Eugene Wallace, superintendent.  
Morning service 10:45.

**Walnut Grove Baptist**  
6 Miles South of Harrisburg  
J. J. Everts, pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Vernon Hyers, supt.  
Morning worship 11.  
Training Union 6 p. m.  
Evening worship 7.  
Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

**The Apostolic Church of God**  
East Elm and Lewis Sts.  
Elder Willie Harris, pastor  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 11:30.  
Evening worship 7:30.  
Bible class Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
Preaching service Thursday 7:30 p. m.

**Mt. Pleasant Social Brethren**  
Ernest Tison, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Lawrence Horn, supt.  
Preaching service first and third Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Tuesday 7 p. m.

**Eldorado Bethel Tabernacle**  
Pearl Street  
(Near former Church of God building).  
Eva Davis, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship 11.  
Evening service 7:15.  
Prayer meeting Thursday 7:15 p. m.

**Saline Ridge Baptist**  
Vernon Wasson, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Harry Harper, superintendent.  
Worship service 10:30 a. m.  
Worship service 7 p. m.  
Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Big Saline Baptist**  
Ezra Ewell, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Ralph Stapleton, supt.  
Preaching service first and third Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday nights at 7 o'clock.

**Dorris Heights Methodist**  
R. S. Beck, minister  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
MYF 6:45 p. m.  
Evening service 7:30.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

**Church of Nazarene**  
Chas. Scott, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Ebert Parkinson, supt.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
"Today's Youth" broadcast over WEBQ 4 p. m.  
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.  
Revival to be held Oct. 30 thru Nov. 13.

**Church of Living God**  
10 East O'Gara  
Herbert Thomason, pastor  
Preaching 7 p. m. each Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 11 a. m. Sunday.

**Ledford Primitive Baptist**  
Aaron Reeder, pastor  
Regular meeting fourth Sundays and Sunday nights.  
Singing 10:30 a. m., preaching 11 a. m.  
Singing 7 p. m., preaching 7:30 p. m.

**Mt. Moriah Methodist**  
Irvin Braden, pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.; David Lewis, superintendent.  
Worship first and third Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Methodist Youth Fellowship 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**Galatia Methodist**  
Rev. Roy Hudson, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Nadine Gholson, superintendent.  
Preaching service second and fourth Sunday 10:30 a. m. and each Sunday 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**Carrier Mills Social Brethren**  
Rev. Elmer Grisham, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service first and third Saturday night and Sunday 10:45 a. m.  
Bible broadcast Sunday 4:30 p. m.  
Young people's meeting Sunday 6 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

**Karbers Ridge Social Brethren**  
John Henshaw, pastor  
Services every first and third week ends Saturday 7:15 p. m.  
Sunday school 10 a. m. Charley Grace, supt.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Sunday evening service 7:15.

**Wasson Social Brethren**  
Rev. Alfred Groves, pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m. Mrs. Timmie Groves, supt.  
Preaching service second and fourth Saturday 7:30 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**Equality Presbyterian Church**  
Home of "Town and Country Church of the Air"  
Rev. J. K. Gannett, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service 10:45.  
Westminster Fellowship Wednesday 7 p. m.  
J. D. Bullard study Thursday 7 p. m.

**Spring Grove Methodist**  
10 Miles West of Harrisburg  
Rev. Buddy Peyton, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Frank Crosson, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
M. Y. F. 6 p. m.  
Evening service 7.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Christmas**  
Anonymous  
There's more — much more — to Christmas  
Than candlelight and cheer.  
It's the spirit of sweet friendship  
That brightens all the year;  
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,  
It's hope reborn again.  
For peace, for understanding,  
And for good-will to men.

## Rule Civilians Not Subject to Court Martial

WASHINGTON (UP) — The government will ask the Supreme Court to overturn a federal judge's ruling that civilians are not subject to military court martial.

U. S. Atty. Leo A. Rover filed notice Friday in U. S. Federal District Court here that the Justice Department will appeal directly to the Supreme Court bypassing the federal appeals courts.

Rover will ask the high court to overturn a ruling by Federal Judge Edward A. Tamm that civilians are not subject to trial by military courts.

Tamm's decision was in the case of Mrs. Clarice B. Covert, convicted by Air Force court-martial and sentenced to life imprisonment for the 1953 ax-slaying of her husband, an Air Force sergeant in England.

The court-martial was held under an act of Congress authorizing military trials of civilians accompanying the armed forces overseas.

Mrs. Covert was imprisoned in the federal reformatory at Alderson, W. Va. Later a new court-martial was ordered on technical grounds. Tamm's ruling cancelled the proposed rehearing and freed Mrs. Covert.

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Former Resident Of Equality Dies

Mrs. Cora Ewing Kirby, 73, widow of Albert Kirby and former resident of Equality, died at her home in Belleville Friday.

She leaves one daughter, Miss Ethel Kirby, who is a teacher in the public school system at Belleville.

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## TO ALL OF YOU ... FROM ALL OF US

### Merry Christmas!

For you a good old fashioned Christmas, in the good old fashioned way. May your home be bright with Yuletide cheer, and may you and all your dear ones enjoy life's greatest blessings during the holiday season and in the year to come. From the heart, we send these wishes to all our friends. Do have a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year!



Front row, left to right: Joe Moore, Fred Wiley, H. V. McDaniel, Clifford Curtiss, George Gott.  
Second row: Edith Hill, Gladys Bland, Dorothy Hearn, Lena Baker, Mrs. H. V. McDaniel.  
Third row: H. L. Nash, Steve Fodor, Russ Mosley, Floyd Tuttle, Paul York, Arvel Brothers.  
Fourth row: Ed Mitchell, Leslie Marx, Lonnie Lamkin, Joe H. Jones, Ernest Steinsuitz, David Pait.

May we say thanks to you for the fine patronage our store has enjoyed the past year. If there is anyone any place whom we have treated unfairly or unjustly we please ask your forgiveness. In the press of time and situations, it is not possible always to treat everyone with the courtesy and fairness in thought and deed that is our policy. May God bless you and yours!

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Items of Agricultural Interest

SIU Country Column

By Albert Meyer  
Producers claim that turkey is just as tasty for Christmas dinner as for Thanksgiving. In fact, this item of poultry more and more has been gaining a place on the Christmas day menu. Many persons now eat turkey at almost any time of the year.

The major portion of the country's turkey production comes from specialized turkey farms where the birds are grown by the thousands. Selection, breeding, and production research have contributed greatly to widespread acceptance of turkey as a delightful meat item for the family dinner. Today's birds are a far cry in taste and quality from the native North American wild turkeys that the Pilgrim fathers killed for their Thanksgiving feast more than three centuries ago.

At the modern supermarket meat counters housewives today may select turkeys of the size suited to the dinner needs. These vary from small six-to-eight-pound turkey hens to the 30-pound toms, attractively prepared for the oven. Modern scientific production methods have enabled turkey producers to market birds at prices which compete favorably with other meats and put them within financial reach of great masses of consumers. Christmas now is running second only to Thanksgiving in the use of turkey.

A good yardstick for the consumer in deciding on the size of turkey needed for the Christmas dinner is to allow at least one-half to three-fourths pound of dressed bird per person. If the bird is small the individual portion may need to be a little larger. Of course, small children will not require that much. As an example, a 15-pound turkey will provide servings for 20 persons.

Half turkeys may be used if a whole bird is too large for the table. Poultrymen say that halves and quarters may be satisfactorily prepared without loss of flavor. Smaller birds or parts of birds allow more roaster room for some persons prefer turkey dressing if the family has a taste for plenty of dressing with turkey. Toms usually cost slightly less per pound. There may be some difference in flavor between hens and toms, but there is nothing unpalatable about large fat tom turkeys. Actually, large toms usually are the most economical buys because they yield a higher percentage of edible meat as well as being somewhat cheaper per pound. In this day of large freezing compartments in the family refrigerator, a half or quarter of the large turkey may be wrapped and frozen for use at a later date.

Slaughter in Marital Rundown By Wives No. 4, 5

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (CP)—Veteran major leaguer Enos Slaughter's wives have him in a marital rundown.

While the old warhorse was honeymooning Friday with wife No. 5, wife No. 4 started action to set aside her recent divorce.

Mrs. Ruth D. Slaughter, 40, of Belleville, alleged in a suit filed in St. Clair County Circuit Court that, because Slaughter failed to make a \$20,600 lump alimony payment, there has been no divorce.

Slaughter had been ordered on Nov. 21 to make the payment within 30 days.

Meanwhile, the 39-year-old Kansas City Athletics outfielder was reported honeymooning in North Carolina with wife No. 5, the former Miss Helen Spiker. He married the 25-year-old airlines stewardess Thursday.

Not are turkey left-overs to be considered a problem. Plenty of recipes are available for palatable dishes utilizing what is left of turkey after the Christmas dinner. Suggestions are: sliced cold turkey with nut bread, creamed turkey on toast or in patty shells and potato baskets, turkey pot pie, and turkey croquettes.

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Illinois Crops Rise in Value to \$1,196,000,000

SPRINGFIELD (CP)—Value of Illinois' record and near-record 1955 field crops rose to \$1,196,000,000, an increase of two million dollars over last year, the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service said today.

The total value of the crops increased despite sagging farm prices, and late summer heat and dryness which cut into the state's huge corn crop.

Record per-acre yields were reported for wheat, oats and hay, plus larger-than-average yields per acre for corn and soybeans.

The second greatest corn crop in the state's history accounted for 57 per cent of the total value of all field crops. Illinois' 524 million bushel crop was second only to its crib-busting harvest of 564 million bushels in 1948 and topped 1955 Iowa production by 29 million bushels.

The statewide per acre corn yield was about 56 bushels despite corn borers, some drought and heat.

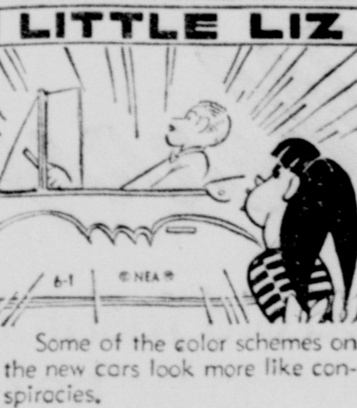
This was 6½ bushels larger than the 1954 per acre yield.

The soybean crop hit a record 101 million bushels, 13 per cent higher than the 1954 harvest and 23 per cent above average.

The 23 bushel per acre soybean yield was also above the 1954 mark by 1.5 bushels.

The soybean crop was 13 per cent of the total value of Illinois field crops. The 51 million bushels of winter wheat, the oats and the hay crop each accounted for eight per cent of the total. These top five crops accounted for 99 per cent of the total field crop values.

The wheat crop, 9 per cent larger than 1954 and 51 per cent larger than average, grew at 32.5 bushels to the acre, a record yield.



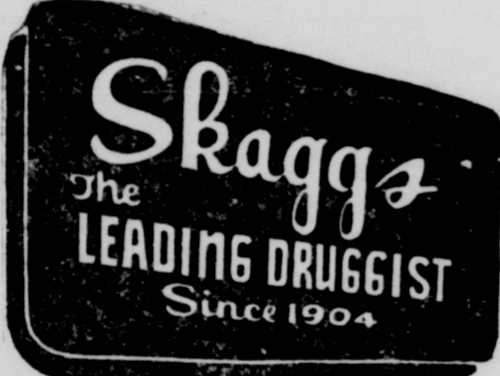
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Evangelistic service 7 p. m.  
Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.  
Preaching service first and third Sunday.

**First Apostolic**  
Willard Fritts, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship service 11.  
Evening service 7.  
Bible Study Wednesday 7 p. m.  
Afternoon prayer meeting Friday 2:30.  
Young People's service Saturday 7:30 p. m.

**Eldorado Seventh Day Adventist**  
Wilton Bresce, pastor  
Sabbath school Saturday 9:30 a. m., worship service 11 a. m.

**Mt. Calvary General Baptist**  
Joe Goolsby, pastor  
Sabbath school 9:30 a. m.; Earl Hicks, superintendent.  
Preaching service Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday morning and Sunday 7 p. m.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.  
Brotherhood Thursday 7 p. m.

**Palestine Social Brethren**  
Norman Cozart, pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Herbert Barger, superintendent.  
Worship service second and fourth Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Muddy Baptist**  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Melvin Mahaffey, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Training Union 6:30 p. m.; Jack Ratley, director.  
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

**Rocky Branch Social Brethren**  
Bob Booten, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Clyde Mondy, superintendent.  
Service second and fourth Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**The House of God**  
Elder J. W. Nelson, pastor  
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Morning worship 11.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p. m.

**North Willford Baptist**  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Ray Garrison, supt.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Training Union 6 p. m.  
Evening worship 7.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Buena Vista Methodist**  
George D. Jenkins, minister  
Church school 9:30 a. m. Harold McConnell, supt.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
M. Y. F. 6:30 p. m.; Harold McConnell, president.  
Evening worship 7:00.  
Adult prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
Youth prayer meeting Friday 7:30 p. m.

**Harco Baptist**  
Rev. John Beggs, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Oscar Russell, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Evening service 7.

**Stonewall General Baptist**  
Geo. Dougherty, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Saturday and Sunday evening services 7.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Spring Valley Social Brethren**  
Carl Downey, minister  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Bertis Reynolds, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Evening worship 7.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**Calvary Tabernacle**  
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Lloyd H. Auld, pastor  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m.  
Midweek prayer service Tuesday 7:30 p. m.

**Liberty Baptist**  
Paul Frick, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Woodrow Owens, superintendent.  
Morning worship 11.  
Evening worship 7.  
Training Union 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

**First Apostolic**  
Rev. Louie Durfee, pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Morning worship 11.  
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Saturday 7 p. m.  
"Little Old Fashioned Church of the Air" Wednesday 3 p. m. over WEBQ.

**St. Mary's Catholic**  
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Christmas midnight Mass. Christmas music from 11:30 p. m. to midnight.  
Masses Christmas Day 7 and 8:30 a. m.  
Weekday Masses 7 a. m.  
Saturday Mass 8 a. m.  
First Friday Mass 7 a. m.  
Confessions Saturday 4 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 7:30 p. m.

**Sulphur Springs**  
Clyde Vinyard, pastor  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; William Haney, superintendent.  
Worship service 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m. first and third Sunday.



## CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS

"... And so in this way, my children, Christ was born in Bethlehem."

But Christmas is more than the celebration of this event which happened long ago and far away. It is a present reality.

Through the eyes of faith we see ourselves kneeling before the manger. We have come to adore our new-born King.

Through the wonder of faith, the Christmas story becomes alive. The Christ Child is born in our hearts. The angels speak to us:

"Behold I bring you tidings of great joy... For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord!"

Our Bethlehem today is our Church and Sunday School. Let us go and take our children to worship our new-born King.

## THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

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Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday...	Matthew	1	18-25
Monday...	Matthew	2	1-12
Tuesday...	Matthew	2	13-23
Wednesday...	Isaiah	11	1-10
Thursday...	Isaiah	40	1-11
Friday...	John	1	1-18
Saturday...	Psalms	103	1-22

## First Church of God

Charleston Street  
E. C. Fisher, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Cecil Rhine, supt.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Youth Fellowship and evening worship service will be dismissed.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

## First Christian

Glen Dougherty, minister

Bible school 9:30 a. m.; Clarence Aldridge, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:30; sermon subject "Christmas Without Christ."  
Youth social hour 5 p. m.  
Christian Endeavor 6 p. m.  
Christians' Hour 6 p. m. over WEBQ.  
Christian Leadership Training class 6 p. m.  
Evening worship 7; sermon subject "God Sent Forth His Son."  
Tuesday, midyear camp rally to be held at West Frankfort.  
Tuesday 7 p. m. Cub Pack No. 13 will meet in the Fellowship Hall.  
Wednesday 7 p. m. Hour of Power.

## Mt. Pleasant Baptist

W. H. Hughes, pastor

Sunday 6 a. m. Christmas Sunrise services.  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Mrs. Wyatt Lowe, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Sunday 7 p. m. prayer meeting.  
Wednesday 7 p. m. prayer meeting.  
Thursday 7 p. m. Deacons' meeting.  
Friday 7 p. m. Business meeting.

## First Baptist

Pastor, R. J. Morman

Bible school 9:30 a. m.; Ed Brantley, superintendent.  
Morning worship service (broadcast on WEBQ) 10:45.  
Combined Training Union and Evening Worship service 6:30, with carols and candles.  
The Music department has cancelled all rehearsals until after New Year.

## Gaskins City Baptist

Roy Reynolds, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Paul Hull, supt.  
Prayer service 10:30 a. m.  
Training Union 6 p. m. Lonnie Reiner, director.  
Evening preaching service 7.  
Wednesday 7 p. m. prayer service.  
Friday 7 p. m. Brotherhood.

## West Sloan Street General Baptist

John Yuhas, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Everett Cooper, supt.  
Christmas pageant, "Scarlet Ribbon," will be given at 7 p. m.  
Prayer service Tuesday 7 p. m.  
Cottage prayer service Friday 7 p. m.

## Tate's Chapel Methodist

Rodolph Barnett, Pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; James Ode, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45. Sermon by the pastor.  
Youth fellowship will not meet this week.  
Evening service will be dismissed.  
Midweek prayer service 7 p. m. on Wednesday.

## McKinley Avenue Baptist

J. D. McCarty, pastor

9:30 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon subject "Greatest Child Ever Born," by pastor.  
6 p. m. Training Union; Charles D. Barrett, director.  
7 p. m. Evening worship; message by Rev. J. C. Biggs, subject "Thanks Be Unto God."  
7 a. m. Wednesday, Baptist Hour with Dr. Waters bringing the message.  
7 p. m. Wednesday, prayer service.  
8 p. m. Wednesday, choir rehearsal.  
7 p. m. Thursday, mission prayer service.

## Dorrisville Social Brethren

Earl Vaughn, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Leighman Walker, supt.  
Morning worship 10:40.  
Evening service 7.  
Brotherhood Tuesday 7 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.  
Young people's meeting Thursday 6:30 p. m.

## Union Chapel

Vola L. Sittig, minister

Sunday school 10 a. m.; W. F. (Bill) McIlrath, superintendent.  
Morning worship 11.  
Christian Endeavor 7 p. m.; Clifton Winders, director.  
Prayer meeting and Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m.

## Lone Oak Methodist

Irvin Braden, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Eugene McConnell, superintendent.  
Worship each second and fourth Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

## Ingram Hill Baptist

Robert Blackman, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Training Union 6 p. m.  
No evening service.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

## Dorrisville Baptist

William E. Fuson, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
Training Union 6 p. m.  
Evangelism 7 p. m.  
Sunday school workers meeting each Wednesday at 6:30 p. m.; midweek prayer at 7 p. m., and choir rehearsal at 8 p. m.

## Church of Nazarene

Charles Scott, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Ebert Parkinson, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
"Wonderous Story," broadcast over WEBQ, 4 p. m.  
N. Y. P. S. service 6:15 p. m.  
Junior service 6:15 p. m.  
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.  
Caravan Monday at 7 p. m.

## Rudement Social Brethren

Clifford Potter, minister

Sunday school 10 a. m. each Sunday. Jimmie Williams, supt.  
Preaching service 11 a. m. first and third Sundays.  
Sunday evening service 7 o'clock first and third Sundays.  
Young People's meeting 6 p. m. first and third Sundays.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

## Church of God of Prophecy

William Hendricks, pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Evangelistic service 7 p. m.  
Bible study Wednesday 7 p. m.  
Young People's V. L. E. service Friday 7 p. m.  
A revival will begin Nov. 6.

## Carrier Mills Methodist

Carl Davis, minister

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Garfield Thomas, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:30.  
M. Y. F. 6 p. m.  
Evening evangelistic service 7.  
Midweek service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

## Eldorado Social Brethren

Parrish Addition

Rev. Clifford Bennett, pastor  
Saturday service 7:30 p. m.  
Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Harry Hedger, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Young people's meeting 6 p. m.; Betty Awall, president.  
Sunday evening service 7.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

## Raleigh Baptist

H. T. Taylor, pastor

Sunday school 10 a. m.; Robert Mings, superintendent.  
Preaching service 11 a. m.  
Training Union 6 p. m.  
Prayer service 7 p. m.  
Prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m.

## Wright's Temple

Church of God in Christ

East Gaskins Street  
Elder L. Miller, Pastor  
Sunday school 10 a. m.; Mrs. Mae Brown, superintendent; Ulysses Sutton, teacher.  
Morning worship 11.  
Y. F. W. W. 6:30 p. m.  
Evangelistic service 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Tuesday and Friday.

## Bethany General Baptist

On Route 34

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.  
Preaching service first and third Saturday 7 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
General Baptist hour Friday 3 to 3:45 p. m. over WEBQ.

## Galatia Baptist

Wayne D. Gunther, pastor

Sunday school 9:30 a. m.; Max Cockrum, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Training Union 6 p. m.  
Evening worship 7.  
Midweek prayer service Wednesday 7 p. m. followed by choir rehearsal.

## North America Baptist

Clifford Sullivan, pastor

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; Dewey Dallas, superintendent.  
Morning worship 10:45.  
Evening worship 7.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m.

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## In Memoriam

In loving memory of Thomas (Bud) McClusky, who passed away one year ago Dec. 25, 1954.

Somewhere back of the sunset, where loveliness never dies,  
He lives in the land of glory, mid the blue and gold of  
the skies.

Gone from us who loved him, into the haven of rest,  
To the home of our loving Savior, sweetly his soul to rest.

His life is a beautiful memory, his absence a silent grief.  
He is sleeping in God's beautiful garden, in the Sunset  
of perfect peace.

Sadly Missed by Wife and Family.

## Looking At Sports

By BILL MELTON

Santa Claus paid an early visit to the basketball players, coaches and fans of two communities in the area.

Stuffed into the basketball box of Shawneetown fans is the big championship trophy of the Equality Invitational tourney and in the Eldorado box is the first place trophy of the four-team meet staged at Metropolis.

A recent issue of Look magazine carried a feature called "Basketball Madness" built around the 1955 Illinois State High School basketball tournament.

The pictures depict the joys that go with victory and the bitter tears that are shed at defeat. These pictures were made of the fans.

Tense action on the playing floor also was pictured and two Shawneetown players—Alfred Gunzel and Jack Nolen—were caught by the photographer in excellent action shots.

Following the championship game of the Equality tournament Thursday night Darwin Valters, coach of the winning Shawneetown team, said "I am going to Detroit for the holidays. Will be best man at a wedding. Going to 'get away from basketball and forget it' for ten days." He may get away, but I bet he doesn't forget.

The usual thing following a tournament is to pick all-star squads. Don't think I am qualified to pick an all-star squad, but would like to mention some boys that stood out. At Metropolis I would say that Lindell Lovellette and Ronnie Clark of Eldorado were outstanding. Mike Corzine of Anna, a little guy by present day standards, played a fine floor game and was a dead shot from 10 to 20 feet out. Taylor, a 6-2 forward from Metropolis, rebounded well and could hit the basket. Cairo's Miller could run and shoot with the best of them. There were other good boys, but these five stand out in my memory as I think back on the two nights of play.

At Equality—well Shawneetown was tops, both individually and as a team. Will just say the Indians were champions and let it go at that. In mentioning standout players will exclude the Indians and run down the roster of the other seven clubs.

Wouldn't want to be quoted as saying there wasn't a player from the other schools that couldn't make the Shawneetown club. Just say that I don't know what Indian I would take off to make room for someone else.

A definite standout on the fourth-place Joppa club was Doug Mathis, a well built 6-2 senior. In three games he scored 99 points for an average of 33 per cent. He also rebounded well and was sound on defense.

Backbone of the Enfield club seemed to be Larry Hart, 5-11 junior, and Kendall Carter, 5-10 sophomore. Max Ray, 6-3 senior; Jerry Martin, 5-8½, and Larry Pritchett, 5-10½, both juniors, spearheaded Goreville's second place finish. The other four teams played only one game and it is difficult to get a lone on a player's ability in a single game, but Ridgway's Crayne and Mills carried their team's scoring load in the tourney opener with Enfield; Marsh and Doss paced Thompsonville in its loss to Shawneetown; Harlan Barnett and Emery topped Equality's scoring against Goreville and Terry Moore, a 5-10 junior, scored 20 points for Crab Orchard as it lost to Goreville in the final game of the first round of play.

Whitey Rouviere, the Buckner flash who starred for four years with the University of Miami, Fla., football team, has been named to play with the South stars in the Senior Bowl game. The Senior Bowl game will be played Jan. 7. The South team will be coached by Paul Brown of the champion Cleveland Browns of the National Football league.

If you have read this far I want to close out this column by extending the Season's Greetings to all sports fans, coaches and players. Joining me in wishing you a Merry Christmas are the other members of The Daily Register staff, particularly those who have contributed to the sports pages—TT, CGS and JRS.

### Babe Zaharias Gets Holiday Leave From Hospital

GALVESTON, Tex. (AP) — Babe Didrikson Zaharias today received a "wonderful" Christmas present—a holiday leave from the hospital where she has been fighting her third bout with cancer.

The famed woman athlete planned to leave for Fort Worth, where she will spend the holiday with her husband, George, and friends of the family.

The Babe will return to the hospital next Tuesday, but a hospital spokesman said he expected she will be discharged early next month.

Mrs. Zaharias celebrated her 17th wedding anniversary Friday with her husband and friends at an apartment hotel overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

It was the Babe's first day out of John Sealy Hospital, where recurrent pains in her hips and legs caused her to return from her home in Tampa, Fla., where she was recuperating after her discharge from the hospital last September.

She was first operated on for cancer in 1953.

## High School Basketball Scores

By United Press  
West Frankfort 69, Pinckneyville 66.  
Benton 71, Murphysboro 67.  
Albion Edwards 70, Mt. Carmel 64.  
Evanston 76, Highland Park 73 (ot).  
Sesser Tournament Championship  
Sesser 61, Carterville 53.  
Third Place  
Christopher 53, Elkville 52.

## Panthers Jolted, 69 to 66 by West Frankfort

By United Press  
West Frankfort trounced Pinckneyville 69-66 and Riverside-Brookfield bested Park Forest Rich 56-53 in two upsets on a small Illinois high school basketball card Friday night.

Pinckneyville was rated the state's top team in each of the first two rankings by the United Press "Sweet Sixteen" Board of Coaches. The Panthers had won four straight and were favored in next week's Centralia holiday tournament.

West Frankfort was a pre-season favorite to win the South Seven conference championship but had dropped a five-point decision to Centralia. The Redbirds now have a 6-1 record.

Rich had a 5-1 record going into Friday night's game against Riverside-Brookfield and had been rated ninth in the latest rankings.

La Grove edged Patoka 59-58 to take the Ramsey tournament. Sesser won its own holiday tournament 61-53 from Carterville. Galva won the Elmwood tournament from Farmington 53-47.

## North, South Squads Work Out For Shrine Game

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Halfbacks John Marshall and Don McIlhenny of Southern Methodist, and Gene Kaphis of Notre Dame and Don Hollender of Army were singled out for praise today as both the North and South squads continued working out for their annual meeting Monday in the Shrine Bowl game.

The South coaches, Wally Butts of Georgia and Rex Enright of South Carolina, were disappointed after Friday's workout in which the team appeared to be "off," but they had time to praise the SMU pair.

In the North camp, all appeared to be in readiness for the game. One pre-team scout, after watching Hollender work out, said "Army must have really needed a quarterback to take that kid away from end." Hollender will play end Monday.

## Dons Cheered In 61-43 Win Over Loyola

By United Press  
San Francisco's touring Dons head for New York today with their winning streak intact and the cheers of a New Orleans crowd ringing in their ears.

The nation's No. 1 basketball team warmed up for the Holiday Festival Tournament at Madison Square Garden by walloping Loyola of the South, 61-43, Friday night at New Orleans for its 23rd straight victory.

It was the fourth integrated basketball game played in the deep South and was minus any demonstration such as marred the Bradley-Loyola game in the Louisiana city earlier this week.

In fact, All-America center Bill Russell and other Negro players on the San Francisco squad were cheered loudly by an estimated 5,000 fans. Russell saw only limited action but still wound up with 20 points, including 14 in the first half.

Following the game, Russell, a native of Monroe, La., admitted "it was a wonderful crowd." His sentiments were echoed by Coach Phil Woolpert, who had threatened to pull his players off the court if the New Orleans fans repeated their demonstration of last Tuesday when they booed Bradley's Negro forward, Shellie McMillon.

## WSIL to Show Three Bowl Games, Pro Title Contest

Harrisburg television station WSIL-TV today announced special holiday presentations that will include three Bowl football games and the grid battle for the professional grid championship.

The college bowl games will be the Blue-Gray contest, the East-West Shrine classic, and the Rose Bowl tilt from Pasadena. There will be two special feature-length movies, "Steel Helmet" and "My Dog Shep," shown Sunday, Christmas Day, starting at noon, with the regular program beginning after these features.

Monday, Dec. 26, the NBC regular network programs will be carried until 11 a. m., after which two more feature length films, "Tall Texan" and "Mr. Walkie Talkie" will be shown. At 2:15 p. m. the pro championship game between the Cleveland Browns and Los Angeles Rams will be presented.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, new NBC programs that started today will be continued—Children's Corner and Pinkey Lee, both on the NBC Network, are on from 9 to 10 a. m. and another NBC show, Mr. Wizard, is at 11 a. m.

The Rose Bowl game will be the afternoon of Jan. 2. It also was announced that the first of the NBC network evening shows, Dragnet, will start at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 5.

## College Scores

Illinois 82, Oklahoma 58.  
Michigan State 72, Wyoming 62.  
Washington, Mo., 55, Cornell 50.  
Iowa State 87, Vanderbilt 76.  
San Francisco 61, Loyola, La., 43.  
St. Francis, N. Y., 87, Queens College 63.  
Oklahoma A&M 70, Baylor 51.

## Illini Swamp Oklahoma, 82-58; Spartans Win

By United Press  
Illinois and Michigan State warmed up for Christmas with impressive basketball victories Friday night.

The Illini swamped Oklahoma, 82-58, and Michigan State extended its unbeaten record at Wyoming's expense, 72-62.

The Spartans' Julius McCoy lost an individual scoring race with Wyoming's Joe Capua when the Wyoming forward netted 34 points to McCoy's 32.

Wyoming proved a stubborn opponent, staying on State's heels until midway in the second half. The victory was the fourth in four starts this season for the Spartans. In providing the other half of Big Ten action Friday night, Illinois led from the opening whistle to tally its fourth win in a row. The Illini leaped to a 21-1 lead before the inexperienced Sooner team could get into stride.

Paul Judson paced Illinois with 24 points. He and his mates were far too fast for the Oklahoma squad, which has 11 sophomores and no seniors.

## GRAND

Today 2 p. m.



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The boys and girls who held the highest number of votes at the close of the BICYCLE POPULARITY CONTEST Friday at 5:00 p. m. were as follows:

### BOYS—

- Grand Prize—Columbia Bicycle, Warren Pickering.
- First Prize—Electric freight train, Mike Guard.
- Second Prize—Brownie Flash Camera outfit, Billie Joe McCarty.
- Third Prize—Gas Powered Racing Car, Charles Kerley.
- Fourth Prize—Electronic Radio Station, Randall Doty.
- Fifth Prize—Double Holster Set, Jim Pankey.
- Sixth Prize—Handy Andy Tool Kit, Joe Wilson.
- Seventh Prize—Arcade Shooting Gallery, James Evans.

### GIRLS—

- Grand Prize—Columbia Bicycle, Deborah Parker.
- First Prize—Three Speed Portable Phonograph, Tina Partain.
- Second Prize—Walking Bride Doll, Judy Maddox.
- Third Prize—Doll Carriage, Connie Matthews.
- Fourth Prize—Betsy Wetsy Doll, Aleta White.
- Fifth Prize—Brownie Flash Camera, Sharon Rauh.
- Sixth Prize—Campbell Kids Cooking Outfit, Becky Van Bibber.
- Seventh Prize—Golden Glow Cooking Set, Reba Hull.

We want to thank each of you fine boys and girls, your parents and friends for your interest and fine cooperation in the contest, and we wish you all a Happy Christmas Holiday.

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We hope that Santa's good to you . . . and brings the things you want him to. Happy Holiday!



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## Greetings



From The Office Of The  
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## HOLIDAY Greetings

The clock ticks off the seconds to midnight, the bells ring out, and once again it's Christmas! And, once again from all of us to all of you go forth our warmest wishes for the happiest Holiday season that has yet come your way.

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## The Other Wise Man

Adapted from Henry Van Dyke's Story of "The Other Wise Man"  
You know the story of the Three Wise Men of the East, but have you ever heard the story of the other Wise Man, who also saw the star in its rising and set out to follow it, yet did not arrive with his brethren in the presence of the Young Child Jesus?

In the days when Augustus Caesar was master over many kings and Herod reigned in Jerusalem, there lived a certain man named Artaban, one of the priests of the Magi. Artaban and three associate companions among the Magi, having studied the ancient tablets and ascertained that this was the year of appearance of the prophetic star, planned to meet at the Temple of the Seven Spheres and from there continue their journey together to a place of the promised King. Artaban had sold all his possessions and bought three precious stones, a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl to take as tribute to the King. Having seen the sign he started the following morning on his long journey. He passed over many a cold and desolate pass, down many a black mountain gorge and across many a smiling vale, until he arrived at night fall on the tenth day beneath the shattered walls of Babylon. His horse was almost spent but Artaban knew that it was three hours' journey yet to the Temple of the Seven Spheres, and he must reach the place by midnight, if he would find his comrades waiting, so he rode steadily on. As he passed the shadow of a grove, his horse stood still quivering in every muscle before a dark object in the shadow of a last palm tree.

Artaban dismounted. The dim star light revealed the form of a man lying across the road. His pale yellow skin bore the marks of a deadly fever and the cold chill of death was on him. Artaban turned away with a thought of pity, but as he turned, the man's bony fingers gripped the hem of his robe and held him fast.

Artaban's heart leaped to his throat. How could he stay here in the darkness to minister to a dying stranger? If he lingered but for an hour he could barely reach his companions at the appointed time. And they would go without him. But if he went on now, the old man would surely die. Should he risk the reward of his faith for a single deed of charity?

"God of truth and purity, direct me in the way of wisdom which Thou only knowest."

Then he turned back to the sick man and hour after hour he labored until at last the man's strength returned. It was already long past midnight. Artaban rode in haste and as he neared the end of his journey he began to grow anxious, but could discern no trace of his friends far or near. At the edge of a little cairn of broken bricks, he saw a piece of papyrus. He caught it up and read, "We have waited past the midnight hour and can delay no longer. Follow us across the desert."

"How can I cross the desert with no food and a spent horse? I must return to Babylon, sell my sapphire and buy a train of camels and provisions for the journey."

It was the third day after the three wise men had come to that place and had found Mary and Joseph with the young child Jesus, and had laid their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh at his feet.

As Artaban entered, the streets of the village seemed to have been deserted. From the open door of a cottage he heard the sound of a woman's voice singing softly. He entered and found a young mother hushing her baby to rest. She told him of the three strangers who had appeared in the village, and how Joseph had taken the child and his mother and fled away the same night. The mother laid the baby in the cradle and rose to minister to the wants of the stranger. Suddenly there came the voice of a wild confusion in the streets and the shrieking and wailing of women's voices in a desperate cry. "The soldiers! The soldiers! They are killing our children!"

The mother's face grew white with terror. She clasped her child to her bosom and crouched motionless in the darkest corner of the room; but Artaban went quickly and stood in the doorway of the house. The soldiers came hurrying down the street. The captain of the band approached the threshold to thrust him aside but Artaban did not stir.

"I am alone in this house and I am waiting to give this jewel to the prudent captain who will leave me in peace," he said.

He showed the ruby glistening in his hand. The captain eagerly took it.

"March on, there is no child here. The house is empty."

Artaban entered the cottage, turned his face to the East and prayed. "God, forgive my sin. I have said the thing that is not, to save the life of a child."

But the voice of the woman weeping for joy, said very gently, "Because thou hast saved the life of my little one may the Lord bless thee and keep thee."

Three and thirty years of life of Artaban had passed away and he still was a pilgrim. His hair was now white, worn and weary and he was ready to die, but still looking for the King, he had come for the last time to Jerusalem. It was the season of the Passover. The city was thronged with strangers. On this day a singular agitation was visible in the multitude. A secret tide was sweeping them all one way. Artaban joined a group and inquired of them the cause of the tumult and where they were going.

"We are going to a place called Golgotha, where there is to be an execution. Two famous robbers are to be crucified and with them another called Jesus of Nazareth."

Artaban's heart beat unsteadily but he said within himself, "The ways of God are stranger than the thoughts of men and it may be I shall find the King at last in the

hands of his enemies and shall come in time to offer my pearl as his ransom before he dies."

So he followed the multitude with slow and painful steps toward Damascus Gate of the city. Just beyond the entrance of the guard house a troop of Macedonian soldiers came down the street, dragging a young girl with torn dress and disheveled hair. As Artaban paused to look at her with compassion she broke suddenly away from the hands of her tormentors and threw herself at his feet.

"Have pity on me and save me for the sake of the God of Purity. My father is dead and I am seized for his debts to be sold as a slave. Save me from worse than death."

Artaban trembled. It was the old conflict in his soul between the expectations of faith and impulse of love. Twice the gifts which he had consecrated to the worship of religion had been drawn to the service of humanity. This was the final choice. He took the pearl from his bosom. Never had it seemed so luminous, so radiant, so full of tender, living lustre. He laid it in the hand of the slave. "This is thy ransom, daughter. It is the last of my treasures which I had kept for the King."

While he spoke the darkness of the sky deepened and shuddering tremors ran through the earth. The walls of the houses rocked to

and fro. The soldiers fled in terror. Artaban and the girl he had ransomed crouched helpless beneath the walls of the Praetorium. What had he to fear? What had he to hope? The quest was over and it had failed. If a failure was all that came out of his life doubtless that was all that was possible. But he knew it could not be other-wise than it had been. One more lingering pulsation of the earthquake quivered through the ground. A heavy tile shaken from the roof fell and struck the old man on the temple. He lay breathless and pale, with his gray head resting on the young girl's shoulder. As she bent over him fearing he was dead, there came a voice through the twilight, very small and still. The girl turned her head to see if some one had spoken from the window above them, but she saw no one. The old man's lips began to move as in answer and she heard him say, "Not so my Lord, for when saw I Thee hungered and fed Thee, or thirsty and gave Thee drink? When saw I Thee a stranger and took Thee in? Or naked and clothed Thee? Three and thirty years have I looked for Thee, but never have I seen Thy face nor ministered to Thee, my King."

The sweet voice came again. "Verily I say unto thee, in as much as thou has done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou has done it unto Me."

A calm radiance of wonder and joy lighted the face of Artaban, a long breath of relief exhaled gently from his lips. His journey was ended. His treasure accepted. The Other Wise Man had found the King.

—Adapted from Henry Van Dyke's story of The Other Wise Man.

### Winter Snow

By Delphia Cline Freeman

Cold winter's snow lies deep and still

Upon the frozen ground; It's piled against the old rail fence In drifts humped high and round.

The meadow is a sea of white, Through which a dark stream waves, Whose chilly waters slowly glide Between the snow-bowed trees.

The great outdoors in silence sleeps Beneath its blanket soft, Until the gentle winds of spring Come whispering, warm and soft.

### No Reservations

There are no Indian reservations in Texas, although ten different tribes lived within the state's present boundaries at one time or another.

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Saturday, December 24, 1955

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## Greetings



**RAINBOW'S**

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## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Let us stop, this day, to reflect on the true spirit of Christmas...the spirit of Charity and Good Faith...the spirit of Humility and Good Will Towards All. And let us pray that from this day forth, the Christmas Spirit will abide with us through all our lives, that we may be the better for it. May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends the very best on Christmas and for all of the days to come.

The Management and Employees of

**Southeastern Illinois Gas Co.**

## The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.

Ralph Woolard  
Bruce Polk — Don Wilson

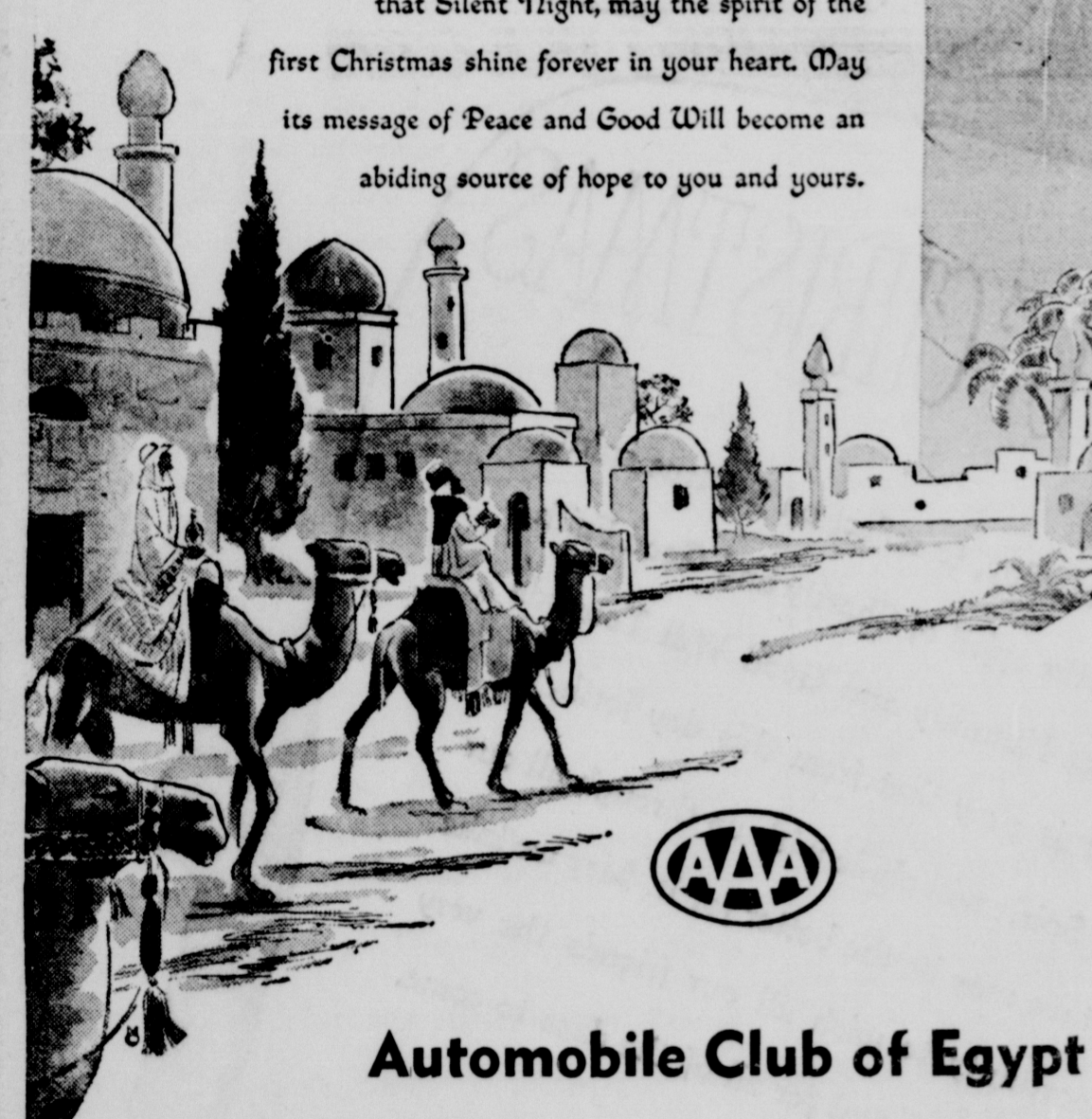



North Side Square




## Season's Greetings

As brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.

**Automobile Club of Egypt**

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### Christmas

**JOHN W. ALLEN**  
Southern Illinois University

Christmas is old but not nearly so old as many of the customs connected with it. Some of the practices used today were used in pagan celebrations long before Christ's coming. When Christianity was young and the observance of the day we now designate as Christmas began old pagan customs became prominent in the then new celebration.

Churchmen seeking to convert peoples to Christianity very wisely decided to adopt the best from the pagan practices and to give to all a Christian significance. This inclusion of some features resembling their old customs made Christianity more acceptable to the pagan.

December 25, our date for the observance of Christmas, may easily be a borrowed one corresponding to that on which earlier peoples observed the winter solstice, perhaps the most widely observed festival of the pagan world. Before the selection of our present Christmas date several other days were observed in different lands. One of these, Jan. 6, is still known as Old Christmas and even yet enters into the thinking of some older persons in southern Illinois. It represents the date observed before the adoption of our present Gregorian calendar. It is the date still observed with much pomp and ceremony in the Greek Orthodox church.

**Other Dates**

At least five other dates have been claimed at different times as the date on which Christ was born and have been observed accordingly. They were February 2, March 25, April 19, May 20, and November 17. It was not until about 350 A.D. that Pope Julius, after considering reports of investigations made by others, designated December 25 as the date to be observed by the Christian church. This date has been generally accepted and is the one now most observed throughout the world.

The significance of Christmas and the manner of its observance have varied greatly from time to time and in different countries. In each of the older countries of Europe Christmas is generally observed in a manner that has become somewhat traditional for that country. A somewhat similar tendency has been evident in different sections of the United States, though that difference is fast disappearing. These regional variations were once obvious in the rather austere manner of New England, the festive and relaxed one of Dutch New York, the spiritual attitude of the Moravians in Pennsylvania, and in the buoyant almost hilarious one of the South.

Since the people settling southern Illinois came in varying numbers from the other regions designated, it is not difficult to find traces indicative of these various attitudes. One may even find customs that have been brought directly from Europe by different nationalities. German settlers in the Belleville area offer one example. It was they who brought with them the traditions of the Christmas tree of their homeland where it is said that Martin Luther was the first to use the lighted and decorated evergreen in a family observance at the Christmas season. People of Illinois as well as most other people liked the Christmas tree and its use soon became general in America.

**Practices Discontinued**

Some features evident in the early observance of Christmas in Illinois came from those of other sections of the country. Among these was the custom of firing guns and firecrackers. This custom, one now practically discontinued, came from the South. Fifty or more years ago a boy in this section of Illinois would have thought Christmas dull considerably if he had been given no firecrackers. Two somewhat strange reasons for the firing of guns and firecrackers have been advanced. One says that it was to send greetings to those living at a distance. Another that it was to frighten away evil spirits. So far as our personal knowledge goes, boys set off firecrackers solely to create noise and to harrass the more timid—especially girls.

Another among the more rollicking and festive features of earlier Christmas observances in this region was an occasional indulgence in alcoholic drink by an otherwise temperate person. It was then not unusual to hear someone say concerning one of these victims of John Barleycorn, "Oh, you will never see him drink, unless he might get a little tight at Christmastime." This once-a-year lapse was considered somewhat excusable.

**Hang Stockings**

Santa Claus that had long been common in Germany and Holland, was brought to us by the Germans. From them we also got the practice of hanging Christmas stockings beside the chimney. In a few localities where wooden shoes were worn, these might be used instead of stockings. Before the advent of reindeer, Santa's transportation was provided by a great white horse. Children often filled their wooden shoes with carrots for Santa's mount.

According to legend, stockings were first hung beside the chimney in Holland. This custom is said to have resulted from a happy accident. A young girl hung her wet stockings beside the fireplace at night to dry. Santa or some other kindly spirit passed by and threw some coins down the chimney. Instead of falling in the ashes where they might have been lost, they fell into the stockings where the happy owner found them next morning. News of this incident spread and others were influenced to try it. The results must have been pleasing, since the custom persists.

German, Dutch, English, Swiss, Spanish, Italian, Scandinavian and numerous other nationalities have made their contributions to the Christmas practices seen in this region. All these now seem to be merging into a somewhat standard observance. It is still interesting, however, to select a particular practice and trace it back to the country of its origin. No other day has clustering about it so much rich and interesting lore as Christmas.

**Santa Claus, Ind., Took Its Name On Eve of Christmas**

Santa Claus, Indiana is the most famous of all towns bearing names associated with Christmas.

Except for a coincidence, the name of the town may have been any of a number of less colorful names.

Originally, the name desired was Santa Fe, but officials in Washington suggested the town be given another name, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, 1882, the townspeople gathered to select another name, but one name after another was rejected, until "Santa Claus" strode into the meeting to get warm. He was in costume, and with his arrival everyone knew what the name of the town would be—Santa Claus, Indiana!

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## Merry Christmas!

Just dropping in with a packful of cheery wishes for all our friends. May your Christmas be a merry one, overflowing with happiness.



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# Knee-deep in Christmas Spirit...



Only someone as wonderful as God could have invented Christmas!

Mired most of the time in the exacting business of making a living, life would be dull, indeed, were it not that once each year December comes along to lift us bodily, mentally and spiritually out of our material mole-hills and plummet us squarely down in the middle of a Season that surpasses even spring in its limitless capacity for the surprising, the miraculous, the joy-inspiring.

Let us breathe the spicy scent of one small, uprooted fir tree, glimpse a holly branch or a bit of mistletoe, hear the first note of Jingle Bells, even from a juke box, and suddenly we are knee-deep in Christmas spirit, in love with life and all the world. Isn't it wonderful that the annual visit of an ancient, naive, gentle saint, known as Santa Claus, has power to push the Messrs. Khrushchev and Bulganin—and all they represent — off the front page and out of our consciousness? To all of you who have treated us so kindly over the years—and to all of you whom we hope one day to number among our friends and customers, we say:

May your Christmas be Happy—and 1956 your best year to date!

Ray A. Wolf  
Frank J. Wolf  
Thomas J. Wolf  
Virginia Stanley  
Vergil Ferrell  
William Ferrell  
Dick Romonosky  
Paul Rice  
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### Give Love

By Christine Grant Curless  
Christmas! Friend, 'tis Christmas!  
If there's no joyous way

To give a festive package—  
Give some love away!

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the happiness  
of Christmas abide in  
your home and in  
your heart now and through-  
out the glad Holiday Season.

**Saline County Republican  
Central Committee**

## Impressive Christmas Services in Holy Land

By ELIAV SIMON

United Press Staff Correspondent  
JERUSALEM (AP)—Protestant  
Yuletide celebrations in the Israeli  
"new city" of Jerusalem will be  
centered around the YMCA on  
Christmas Eve.

The speaker at this service will  
be Canon H. R. A. Jones, minister  
of the Anglican Church of St. An-  
drews which stands in Israel op-  
posite Mt. Zion and the walls of  
Jerusalem's walled "old city" in  
Jordan. The service, held in the  
"Y" auditorium, will be conducted  
by its director, J. Leslie Putnam of  
Milwaukee, Wis.

The grounds before the white  
stone building erected in 1933 will  
be festooned with decorations flut-  
tering down from the 100-foot tow-  
er. Floodlights will illuminate the  
area at night, making the tower  
visible for miles around.

Each of the city's Protestant min-  
isters will take a leading part in  
the service. The Baptist pastor,  
Dr. Robert Lindsay of Norman,  
Okla., will lead the choral singing.  
**Christmas Party**  
The Rev. J. W. Foster of the As-  
sembly of God Church, a British  
denomination, will read from the  
Scriptures, together with the Rev.  
M. G. Griebenow, Minnesota pastor  
of the American Church sponsored  
by the Christian and Missionary  
Alliance. There will be eight Scrip-  
ture readings alternating with car-  
ol singing.

In addition to Scripture readings  
in English, passages from the Holy  
Writ will be read in Hebrew and  
Arabic.

Inside the "Y" building are three  
Christmas trees—one in the spa-  
cious lobby, another in the audi-  
torium and a third in the dining  
room. The trees have been deco-  
rated by the YMCA's permanent re-  
sidents.

The Protestant churches have no  
organized pilgrimage to Bethlehem  
as does the Roman Catholic Church  
for Christmas. A number of Prot-  
estants go as individuals.

Each of the Protestant churches  
will conduct its own service on  
Christmas morning.

On Christmas Day, the YMCA is  
conducting a party for several hun-  
dred children, with gifts distribut-  
ed by a properly attired Santa  
Claus.

By ELIAV SIMON

United Press Staff Correspondent  
JERUSALEM (AP)—Solemn voices  
of choir boys and soft,  
sacred music will signal the begin-  
ning of the high pontifical mass at  
midnight Dec. 24 in the nearby lit-  
tle town of Bethlehem where the  
Savior was born almost 2,000 years  
ago.

Clad in robes of purple and gold,  
his Beatitude, the Latin Patriarch  
Alberto Gori will open the service  
in the Church of St. Catherine—an  
ornate modern-looking Bethlehem  
building making up one of a clus-  
ter of structures comprising the  
Church of the Nativity.

Preceded by double rows of altar  
boys bearing tall candles, the Ro-  
man Catholic Patriarch for the  
Holy Land will step slowly out of  
the edifice.

At midnight, great candelabra in  
the church will blaze forth and bells  
in the Tower of the Nativity will  
ring. An image of the Holy In-  
fant will appear on a high, shining  
altar. As Monsignor Gori takes the  
symbol of the Child in his arms,  
strains of sacred songs will fill the  
edifice.

### Into The Grotto

Then, a solemn procession of  
choir boys, acolytes and priests  
carrying flickering candles will  
wind through the church followed  
by high church dignitaries and  
Monsignor Gori bearing the Holy  
Image. The figure of the Infant  
Jesus will be borne from the  
Church of St. Catherine into the  
Chapel of St. Jerome. This is a  
cave with walls of masonry where,  
according to tradition, Jerome la-  
bored during his translation of the  
Bible into Latin.

To climax the Roman Catholic  
services, the procession will move  
carefully down a flight of slippery  
steps into the Grotto of the Nativ-  
ity, a depression hollowed out of  
rock 20 feet below the choir floor  
where nuns keep watch over the  
spot where Jesus was born.

Monsignor Gori will place the  
image of the Jesus on an altar  
above a silver star—the Star of  
Bethlehem—around which are in-  
scribed the following Latin words:  
HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS  
CHRISTUS NATUS EST—here of  
the Virgin Mary was Jesus Christ  
born.

When Monsignor Gori arrives  
here with his entourage the after-  
noon of Dec. 24, he will be met by  
a representative of King Hussein  
of Jordan in front of the Church of  
the Nativity. The afternoon and  
evening will be spent in vespers,  
meditation and masses until the  
symbolic re-enactment of the Christ  
Child's birth at the midnight mass.  
**Two Lines**

The devout will converge on Beth-  
lehem in two lines Christmas Eve.  
The traditional road from Jeru-  
salem to Bethlehem will be open  
only to diplomatic and consular  
officials and UN personnel.

All others, including clergy and  
lay people, will move more slowly  
over a parallel road in Jordan Ter-  
ritory. The first two miles of the  
traditional 5 1/2 mile road from  
Jerusalem to Bethlehem are in Is-  
raeli territory.

Dominating the eastern part of  
Bethlehem is the Church of the  
Nativity built over the Grotto of  
the Manger the actual birthplace  
of the Christ Child. Like the Holy  
Sepulchre in Jerusalem, jurisdic-  
tion over it is shared by the Ro-  
man Catholics, Greek Orthodox and  
Armenian faiths.

The Protocol of the Status Quo,  
signed after the Crimean War by  
Britain, France, Italy and Russia,  
laid down the churches' rights in  
the Holy Places. This charter put  
an end to an undignified scuffle in  
Bethlehem.

## Dig—These Crazy Christmas Gifts

Even Christmas has caught up  
with the atomic age. A sign of the  
times is the increasing demand for  
Geiger counters as Christmas gifts.  
Manufacturers say people from all  
over the country are giving as  
presents the miracle instrument  
that noses out uranium.

If you're buying a gift for a pros-  
pective uranium prospector you  
can get him one of these radio-  
activity detection devices at prices  
ranging from \$24.95 to \$2000. Most  
popular model, manufacturers say,  
is about the size of a miniature  
camera and retails for about \$25.

Uranium "hounds" are as varied  
as the instruments they buy. They  
range from housewives with in-  
fants in their arms to geologists  
and hirsute prospectors—as well  
as business tycoons, clerks, la-  
borers and society women. An am-  
ateur uranium prospectors' club  
in the East, composed entirely of  
women, is known as the "Geiger  
Widows."

Last year gift Geigers were  
mailed all over the United States.  
One woman telephoned the New  
York office of a leading manufac-  
turing firm from Florida to order  
a \$1,995 unit as a Christmas sur-  
prise for her husband.



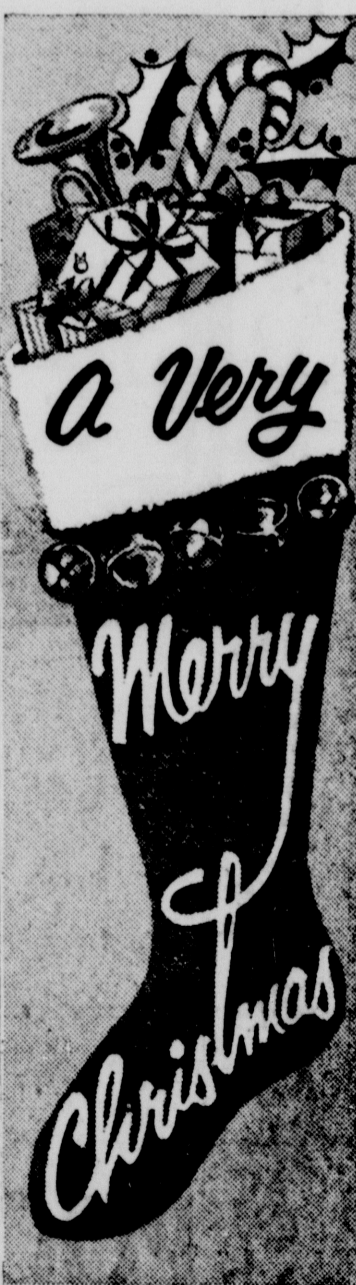
**MONKEYSHINES . . .** The San-  
ta Claus who comes to Junior's  
house on Christmas morn has his  
counterpart in Monkey land. At  
least that is the implication here  
as Jacko, garbed as the monkey's  
santa, visits "Teddo" a five-  
month-old java monkey at Ted-  
do's home in Brooklyn.

## Harvesting Trees Big Christmas Business

While the sale of Christmas trees  
to the consumer is conducted en-  
tirely in the few weeks just prior  
to Christmas, the harvesting, pro-  
cessing and shipping of the trees  
may begin as much as three  
months before Christmas.

Approximately 25 per cent of the  
retail price of a Christmas tree is  
the stumpage price; trees retail-  
ing for about 25 cents per lineal  
foot will be worth about 6 cents  
on the stump and could wholesale  
for from 10 cents to 15 cents per  
lineal foot. Total number of trees  
distributed in the United States  
is about 30 million.

There are at least 10 important  
Christmas tree associations and  
groups representing the industry  
in the United States and approxi-  
mately 5,000 individuals and firms  
are registered as retailers and  
wholesalers of Christmas trees in  
the United States.



**Vinyard's  
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**Merry, Merry  
Christmas**  
We hope you have lots of  
fun, and joy, and  
laughter, this  
Christmas.

**Karnes**

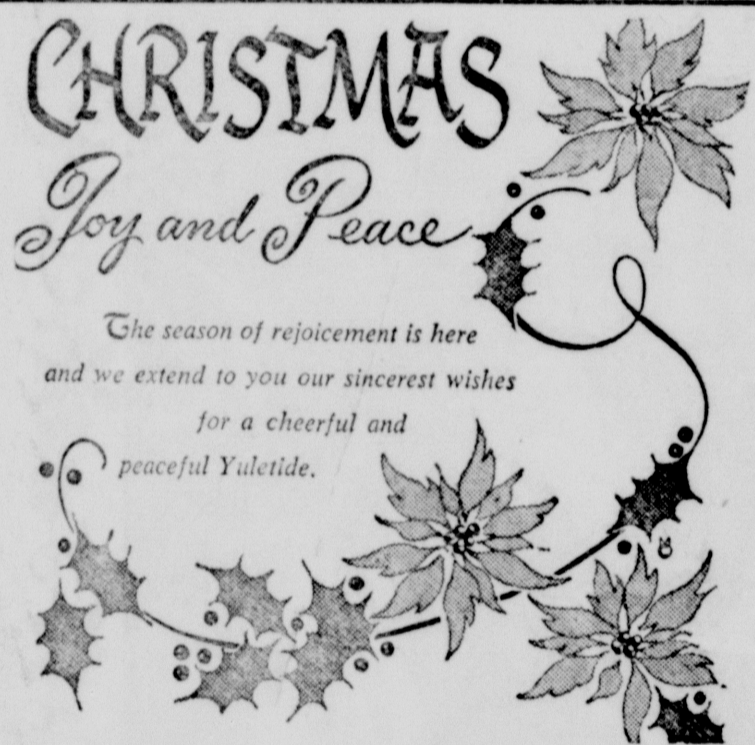
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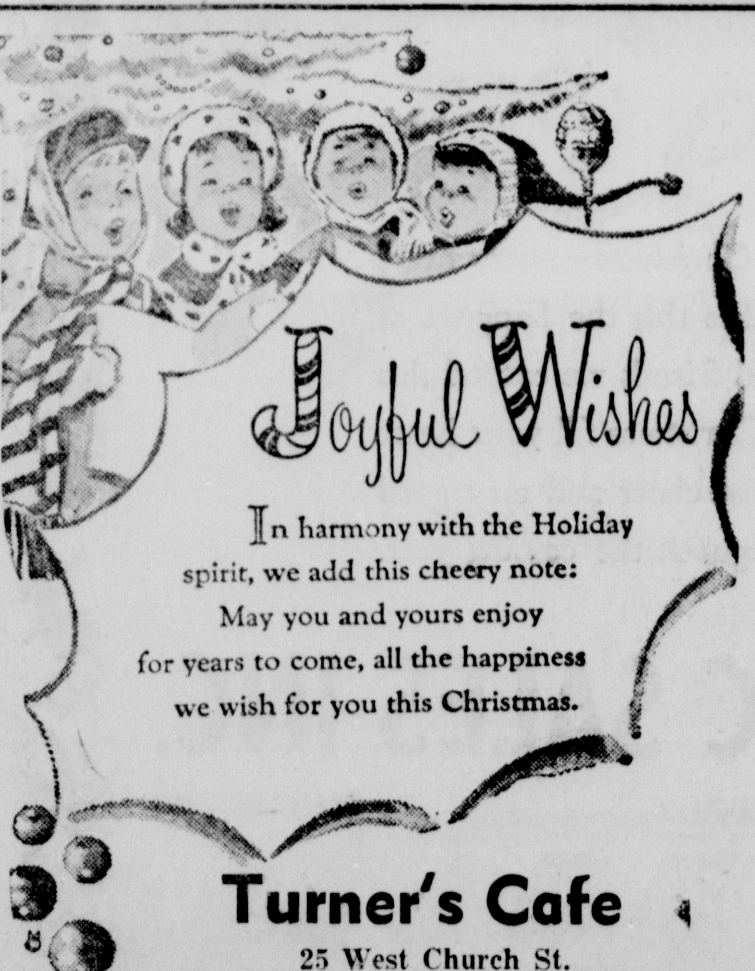
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# Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends  
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good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

It is gratifying for the management and employees of this firm to  
reflect on the past year. It has been a year of expansion, a year of making  
more friends and customers. Our new store in Eldorado has been an im-  
mense project and one we are proud to have built, and without the support  
of all you people in Southeastern Illinois it would have been impossible.  
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#### CELEBRATION BANNED

The Puritan Government banned the celebration of Christmas in England in 1643 in an attempt to do away with all forms of frivolity.

The Daily Register 25c a week

## LOONY LARCENY: Literal Thief Of '55 Really Stole Home

By MEADER G. PATTINGTON

NEW YORK — (NEA) — Calling all cars! Calling all cars! Be on the lookout for a stolen two-room house, last seen wearing white paint and black screens.

Those are the facts, ma'am, as they happened in Gainesville, Fla., and they lead the Loony Larceny parade for 1955, a year in which burglary insurance on contents alone wasn't enough.

To match the house theft, these other outside jobs also were reported during the year:

An entire hedge from in front of a Hamilton, Ont., home.

A 15-foot maple tree from a lawn in Newton, Mass.

The pots from 20 potted plants outside a house under construction in Hillsborough, Calif. (The thief replanted the plants before he made off with the pots.)

A four-foot pet crocodile from a walled pond in a Miami back yard.

The record for persistent pilfering was set in Rouyn, Que., where a man took a heavy underground pump home from a gold mine, piece by piece, over a three-year period. His patience backfired when the pump was found, completely reassembled, in the thief's cellar.

At the top of the boldness blotter are the larcenists who:

Lifted \$7,000 in cash, checks and money orders from the sheriff's safe in Fordyce, Ark., while the sheriff and his deputies were out to lunch.

Took \$1,200 in cash from the sheriff's safe in Irvine, Ky., while the sheriff was watching the tabulation of election returns in another part of the building.

Broke into a police captain's home in Louisville, Ky., and stole \$30 belonging to the Kentucky Police Officers Association.

Paid off a lawyer's bill in Santa Fe, N. M., with a bum check; the bill was for successfully defending a bum check charge.

They may be loony, but you've got to admit they're neat. The tidiest ones:

Entered a Glens Falls, N. Y., auto agency through a window, took a key from a cash register which opened the trunk of a car in the showroom, took \$40 from a tin box in the trunk, put everything back where it belonged, left by the same window and closed it.

Stole three pairs of new socks from a drive-in market in Toppenish, Wash., and left three pairs of dirty socks at the back door.

Ransacked a food locker in Midland, Tex., of a wire basket filled with frozen steaks, then returned the empty basket to the locker a week later.

Other loony-bin burglars didn't make out as well when they went to market, though.

One swiped two hams from a Baltimore, Md., store window; they were dummies, filled with sawdust.

Another got hungry in the market he was robbing, made himself a jelly sandwich, dropped it, slipped on it, fell down, and knocked himself cold.

But let's face it. The loony larcenist has a literal twist to his mind, too.

At a bank president's home in Philadelphia, one of them stole a single item—a piggy bank.

Others read the plea of a Dallas automobile dealer who advertised for customers to "come steal our cars" at low prices. So they stole the spare tires and wheels off five 1955 models.

## Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning. In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and inviting good luck to enter.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Peasant families in various parts of the world once baked special cakes for the New Year. The cake was dashed against the door and as the family members gathered up the pieces to eat them they prayed that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the new year.

In olden times some families also sought a glimpse into the New Year by "dipping" into the Bible. The head of the family, with his eyes closed, opened the family Bible and indicated a passage with his finger. The text, read and interpreted was supposed to be indicative of the luck—good or bad—that would be in store during the twelve months ahead.

# Greetings



May the joys of the  
Holiday Season  
surround you and your family,  
and linger long in your home  
and in your heart, to brighten the days  
that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

**FORD BRICK and TILE CO., Harrisburg, Illinois**

# GREETINGS



The scene is set for Christmas—every heart aglow with a spirit that makes this the happiest of Holidays. To all our cherished friends we extend this sincerest of greetings—May Christmas fill your heart and home with all its brightest cheer and may good health accompany you throughout the coming year.

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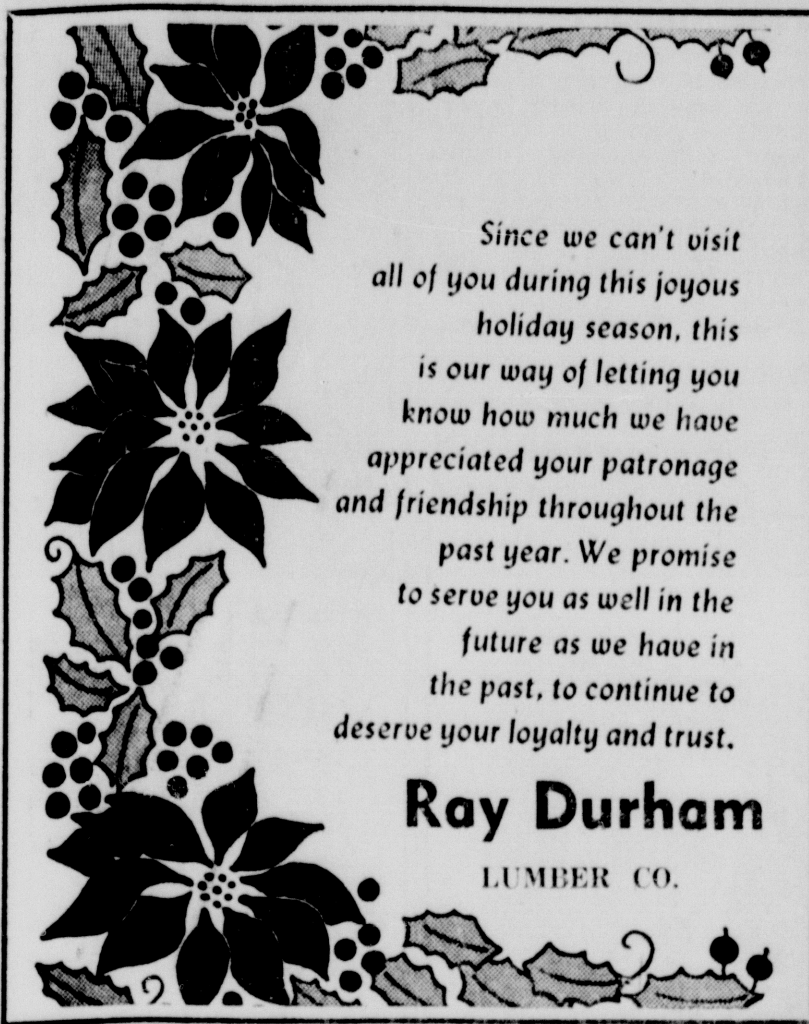


## Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks...  
a Star shone brightly in the hush of a  
Holy Night... a Babe was born  
in a manger... and a new spirit of  
Peace and Good Will came into the world.  
May that spirit abide  
with you and your  
family now and always.

**TRAFTON DENNIS**  
**COUNTY JUDGE**

MARILYN TOWLE, SECRETARY



Since we can't visit  
all of you during this joyous  
holiday season, this  
is our way of letting you  
know how much we have  
appreciated your patronage  
and friendship throughout the  
past year. We promise  
to serve you as well in the  
future as we have in  
the past, to continue to  
deserve your loyalty and trust.

**Ray Durham**  
LUMBER CO.

**Tiny Babe of Bethlehem**  
By Virginia Katherine Oliver  
A tiny babe of Bethlehem,  
He in His manger lay,  
A tiny baby who was born  
To be a King some day.  
A King without an earthly crown,  
Without an earthly throne;  
A King who came to give us life  
By suffering death alone.  
O, tiny Babe of Bethlehem,  
What service can we be  
To You who bravely died for us  
But that we live for Thee.

**JOY**

**AT CHRISTMAS**

To our many friends and customers in Harrisburg, we wish you a happy holiday season.

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## Christmas Stems from Many Lands, Ancient Customs; One of Best Loved Holidays

As a new Christmas season comes round again, it is interesting to look back on the very tradition of the holiday itself.

No other observance is so rich with myth, legend, fact and fancy culled from the world over.

In the earliest days of Christianity, Christmas was not a festival at all. And, before the fifth century there was no established opinion as to when Christmas was observed on the calendar. Dates in months as various as January, March, April and May—as well as in December were discussed as the day of Nativity in the earliest days of Christianity.

In the first two centuries after Christ's birth, it was recorded by early historians that His birth occurred on Wednesday, December 25th, also on Friday, December 25th and also attributed to various other days in the week.

In the Calendar of Philocalus (354 A.D.) it is stated that in "Year 1 after Christ the Lord, Jesus Christ was born on December 25th, a Friday, and 15th day of the new moon"—though in fact—December 1, A.D. 1, was a Sunday.

Early chronologists have variously associated the birth of Christ with symbolism attendant to the many anniversaries devoted to the creation of the sun.

Certain Latins as early as the year 245, transferred the birthday from January 6th to December 25th, which was then a Mithraic feast or birthday of the unconquered sun of Philocalus.

The Syrians and Armenians of that period clung to the January 6th observance and accused the Romans of sun-worship and idolatry.

In the late third and early fourth centuries, the feast as the Festival of the Magi... it has been called the Feast of the "Declaration," of the "Manifestation," of the "Apparition," or simply, Twelfth Night.

Until the fourth century, the Christians observed only Epiphany and Easter with festivals and religious rites, and the physical birth of Christ was not widely recognized.

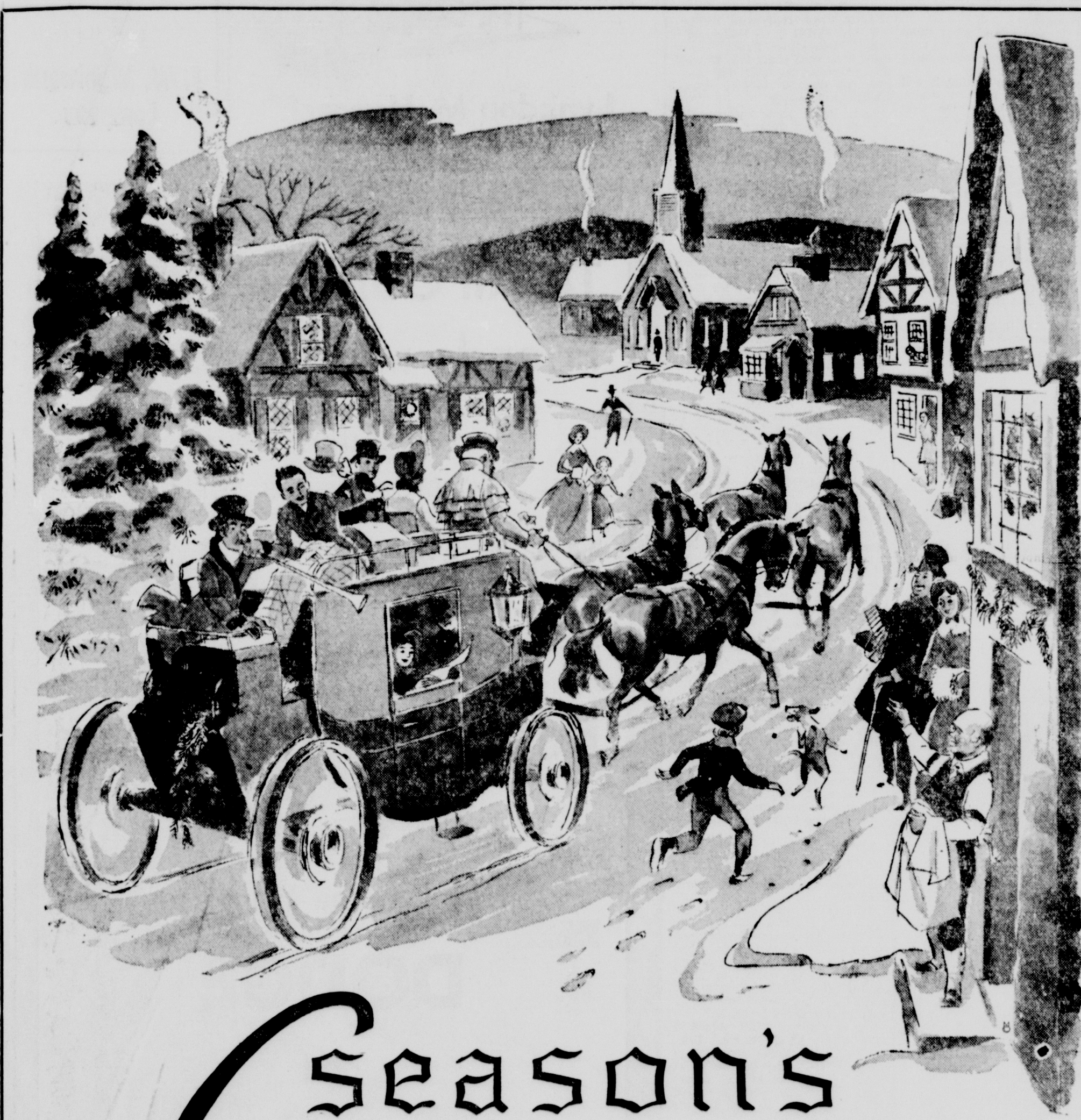
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# Season's Greetings

To everybody, everywhere, we extend our sincere wishes for an  
old-fashioned Yuletide...warm with friendship...richly endowed  
with happy memories...bright with promise for the future  
...abounding with good health and good fellowship  
...a season filled with deep and lasting joy.

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In fourth century Spain and Armenia, the month prior to Epiphany was a time of fasting and repentance.

It is said that the feast of Baptism, or the day of the Saviour's birth observed on January 6th, was used to separate the natural birth day from the thought that in His Baptism, the Saviour was reborn through the Holy Spirit.

Synonymous with the Epiphany observance is the blessing of the springs and rivers from which the water is stored for baptisms and lustrations.

Even this rite has its origin in the ancient Festival of the Nile where it is related that the Nile's waters were at its purest... also, in the neo-pagan festival of the Birth of Aeon where after an all night ritual of flute-playing, dancing and singing, "Kore, the Virgin gave birth to Aeon, (a sun deity).

Long before the birth of Christianity, December 25th was celebrated by the Anglos with all-night festivities and vigils as the start of the new year. It was called "modranecht" or "mother's night."

### Yuletide Tree Had Inception In Pagan Rites

Of all traditions that have come down through the ages, perhaps the best-loved is the Christmas tree. Although usually associated with the Christian era, the use of the tree actually can be traced as far back as the ancient Egyptians. Davey Tree Expert Co. researchers say the Egyptians brought date palms, symbolic of life triumphant over death, into their homes to observe the winter solstice. And the early Romans, in observing the feast of Saturn, raised an evergreen bough.

The custom of lighting the Christmas tree has been attributed to Martin Luther, who wanted to re-create indoors all the wonder of a starry Christmas Eve. He attached lighted candles to the tree to symbolize the stars. About two centuries after lighting Christmas trees became popular in Germany. Early German and English immigrants are usually credited with bringing the custom to America although some say that we owe the Yuletide tree to homesick Hessian soldiers who used ornamented and lighted trees during the Revolutionary War.

Tree decorations also had ancient origins. Some say it goes back to the days when people hung food on trees in the forest to keep it out of reach of wild animals. This practice later was carried on with cutouts of food pictures, hung on Christmas trees because light branches would hold heavy foods.

Latest practice in the use of Christmas trees is the living tree. Kept in their burlapped earth balls, these trees maintain original beauty indoors. When they are transplanted, they add permanent beauty to the home landscape.

### Christmas Bells

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

I thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along the unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth," I said  
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Till, ringing, singing on its way,  
The world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

The lowest continental altitudes in South America and Antarctica are at sea-level.



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**Electric Company**  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Here they are!  
The season's best  
wishes to all our  
wonderful friends.  
May you enjoy to the  
fullest every minute  
of this glorious holiday.

County Superintendent of Schools  
**C. R. GARDNER**  
John Murphy — Trula Duane

MAY ALL THE JOY  
AND GLADNESS OF  
CHRISTMAS COME TO  
YOU AND YOURS AT  
CHRISTMASTIME! \*



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#### Are You Willing?

By Henry Van Dyke  
To stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children;  
To remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old;  
To stop asking how many of your friends love you, and ask yourself if you love them enough;  
To bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts;  
To try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you;  
To trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you;  
To make a grave for ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—  
Are you willing to do these things even for a day?  
Then you can keep Christmas.

#### December Twenty-Fourth

By Eleanor Slater  
Tomorrow you are born again  
Who died so many times.  
Do You like the candle-light,  
Do You like the chimes?  
Do You stop to wonder  
Why men never see  
How very closely Bethlehem  
Approaches Calvary?

### Famed Santa Gives \$20,000 To Help Needy

By ALINE MOSBY  
United Press Hollywood Writer  
HOLLYWOOD — Hollywood's famed anonymous Santa Claus could have used some help himself this year—but he still dug deep into his pockets to give away \$20,000 to the needy.

Santa is the show business figure who since 1948 has mailed checks signed, simply, "Santa Claus" to deserving people around the country.

Only a few persons know his identity. Each year I drop in on Santa's "North Pole"—his swank office—to find out whose chimneys he's climbed down.

Santa did not have too good a 1955 himself. He lost a large sum of money and had to cut down his St. Nick checks from his usual \$30,000 a year. But he was consoled by the thousands of letters that poured into his office "because it helps to know other people have troubles."

"But what Santa Claus could I write to?" he quipped.  
**Bought Boys Horses**

Despite his troubles, this generous celebrity saved a Ft. Collins, Colo., farm. A Korean veteran wrote that his father was sick but they were trying to keep the small farm going, so Santa sent \$50 to tide them over.

A Laredo, Tex., woman wrote Santa she took a job for \$10 a week as a waitress to buy Christmas toys for her children. She charged \$27.50 worth of gifts—but lost her job. She asked only for \$27.50, but Santa sent \$50 to pay the bill.

Santa also mailed \$100 to a Los Angeles woman with a sick husband. They were in danger of losing their three children to foster homes unless they could provide for them. Another \$150 supplied horses for a Salvation Army Boys' camp.

The anonymous St. Nick's most dramatic deed involved an unwed expectant mother in Riverside, Calif., who was arrested for passing \$250 in bad checks to buy baby clothes and medicine. "So her baby wouldn't start life with a terrible blot," Santa sent \$250 to the judge to make the checks good. The charges were dismissed.

Santa is proud of his new idea of giving \$25 to many "graduates" of a prison at Chino, Calif., who otherwise would face the world penniless.

"The sheriff wrote me that the number of returnees—men who get in trouble again—has dropped 40 per cent," beamed Santa. "And not one of the men I have helped wound up in jail again, or asked for further assistance. The money gives them the feeling that somebody outside cares for them."

The first person Santa helped in 1948 was a blind Austin, Tex., engineer who needed only \$87 to graduate from the University of Texas so he could get a job. Santa sent the \$87 and has helped others to a grand total of \$150,000 ever since.

The year the celebrity appeared on the popular television show, "This is Your Life," master-of-ceremonies Ralph Edwards did not know Santa's secret and never mentioned his unusual charity project. What if he had?

"Oh, I would have lied and said I wasn't really Santa," chuckled Santa.

#### The Meaning of Christmas

By Delphia Cline Freeman  
When the hustle and bustle is over  
And the last of the gifts has been wrapped,  
And the cookies and cakes are all ready  
For the big Christmas plans you have mapped.

When the children are quiet and dreaming  
Of the presents Saint Nick will bestow,  
And the fire on the hearth burns less brightly,  
And the clock has struck twelve long ago.

You relax by the embers and ponder  
On this happiest evening of all—  
On the meaning of Christmas to mankind  
By Christ's birth in the low cattle stall.

In the giving of gifts upon Christmas,  
People pattern the Father above  
Who, in giving His Son, gave His best gift—  
So the meaning of Christmas is love.

### Grace for Christmas Day—

We thank Thee . . .  
For a world of wondrous things—the flame of winter dawns . . . soft-spread snow . . . the white star-fire of winter nights;  
For talents which enable us to win this food, this home, this heart-deep warmth;  
For family love—the strength and stabilizer of our lives;  
For the familiar blessings of today—the hope and unknown

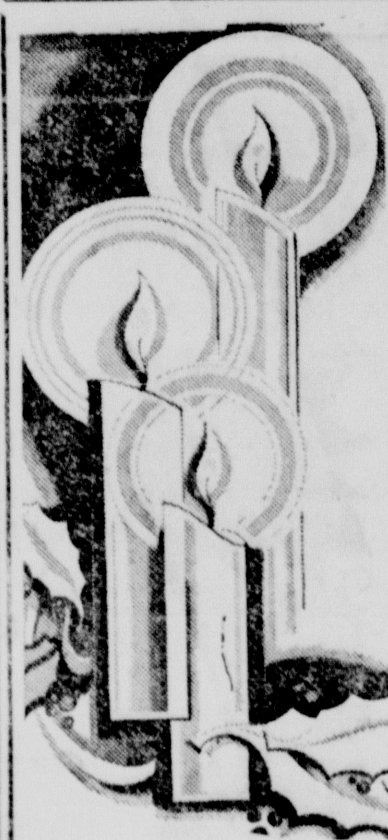
promise of tomorrow;  
For the constant whisper in our minds—spurring us to shape more lofty thoughts, desires and deeds.  
And we thank Thee, most of all, for the One Who brought the Spirit of Christmas to the world, urging us to keep Good Will aglow, not as a brief winter's flame, but as constant splendor.  
Amen.  
(Christmas meditation from Employers Mutuals of Wausau.)  
Scientists know nearly 13,000 different kinds of atoms.

### Christmas Wishes

Our warmest  
wishes to you  
and your dear  
ones for a  
joyous Holiday.



Lynndon M. Hancock  
HARRISBURG CITY JUDGE



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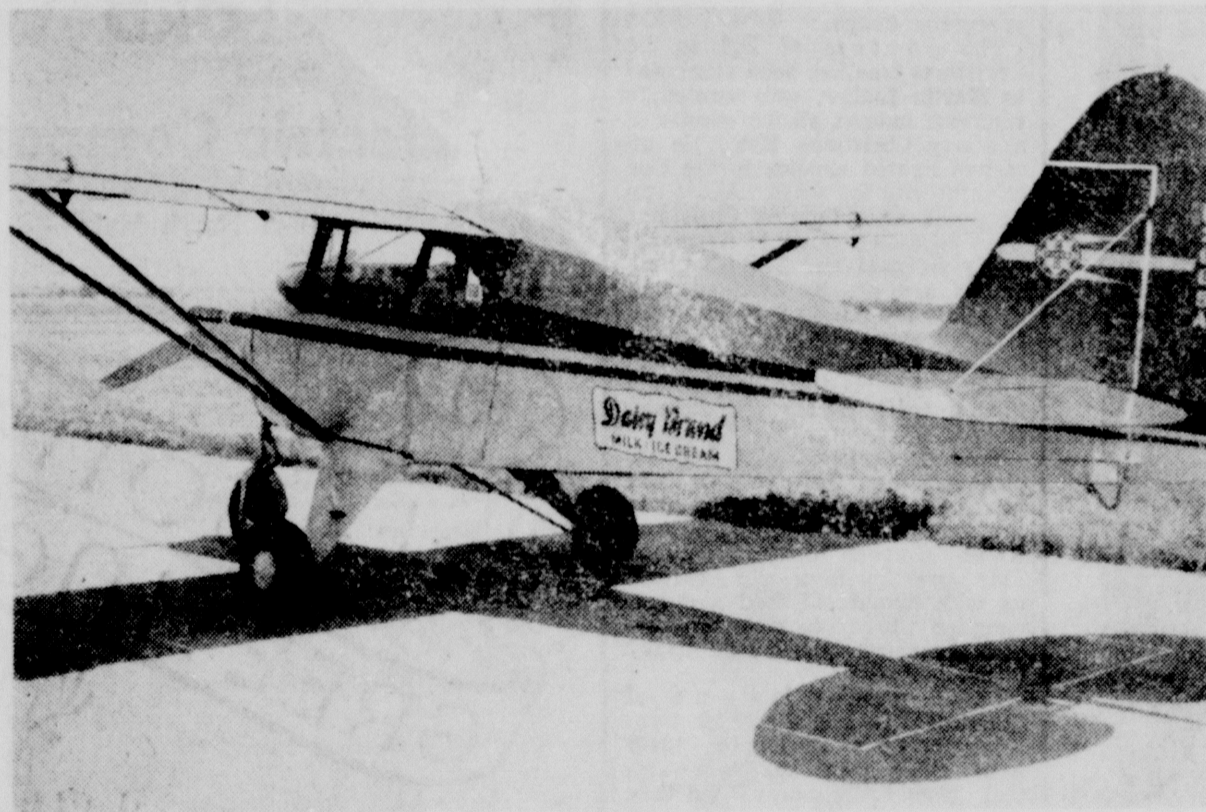
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mas Day but will see you  
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## 'Night Before Christmas' Becomes a Pilgrimage



CLEMENT MOORE from a painting made for his family.

By ROBERT DIEFFENBACHER  
NEA Special Correspondent  
NEW YORK — (NEA) —  
"Twas the Night Before Christ-  
mas" in 1822. Clement Moore, a  
professor of Greek and Oriental  
literature at General Theological  
Seminary in New York's Chelsea  
Village, was warmed with the  
Christmas story in Luke's gospel.  
God's love had given to the world  
the baby Jesus on just such a  
night many years before.

The ever-thoughtful professor  
paused at the market on his way  
home and bought another basket  
of provisions to give to the less  
fortunate. He slipped into his  
study at home and locked the  
door.

When he came out he held in  
his hand the scribbled words of  
a poem he had written in a light  
vein only for his children. This  
bit of verse was to make him more  
famous than all his tomes on the-  
ology and literature.

After dinner he read "A Visit  
of St. Nicholas" to his family, be-  
fore the children were "tucked  
into bed with visions of sugar  
plums dancing in their heads."

By chance a visitor in the Moore  
home came across the scribbled  
poem and sent it to the Troy Sen-  
tinel. The frivolous poem was  
published and Clement Moore was  
embarrassed by the popularity he  
gained. His father had been the  
second Protestant Episcopal Bish-  
op of New York, had taken part in  
the inauguration of George  
Washington and had administered  
communion to Alexander Hamil-  
ton after his fatal duel with Aaron  
Burr.

Dr. Moore wanted to carry on  
the churchly tradition of his  
father and not to be a writer of  
childish verse. In spite of his  
wishes he will always live in the  
hearts of the children of the world  
over as the author of "The Night  
Before Christmas."

This year, as for many  
years past, on Christmas Eve at  
Trinity Chapel of the Interces-  
sion on 155th Street in New York  
hundreds of children of all ages  
will honor Dr. Moore by a pil-  
grimage to his grave.

After a candlelight carol service  
in the chapel a procession carry-  
ing lanterns and flares will halt  
traffic on busy Broadway and will  
cross to the churchyard where Dr.  
Moore is buried.

A brief memorial service at the  
grave will honor the theologian  
whose voice will ever sing out  
"Happy Christmas to All and to  
All a Good Night."

## Many Carols Have Age-Old Past History

The singing of Christmas carols  
... whether a small family group  
gathered around the piano, a  
group outdoors in the stillness of  
the night, or the resounding voices  
of a church choir; forms an in-  
tegral part of this joyous holiday  
season.

It just wouldn't seem like  
Christmas without our favorite  
carols! We draw our favorites  
from the old beloved carols of  
many countries.

The time-honored European  
carols were brought to this country  
by the early settlers of America.  
Adeste Fideles ("O Come, All Ye  
Faithful") belonged to no one in  
particular and was eventually  
translated into 119 different lan-  
guages and dialects.

"Away in a Manger," Lu-  
ther's hymn for children, came to  
us from Germany. England gave  
us the spirited "God Rest You  
Merry, Gentlemen" and from  
France we inherited the beautiful  
"O Holy Night." From Austria  
came "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Three Americans enriched our  
heritage of lovely Christmas car-  
ols by giving us three which are  
among the world's favorites today.

In 1849, a Massachusetts Uni-  
tarian minister, Edmund H.  
Sears, composed "It Came Upon  
a Midnight Clear." Ten years  
later, Dr. John Henry Hopkins,  
Jr., an Episcopalian rector from  
Williamsport, Pa., composed both  
the words and music for "We  
Three Kings of Bethlehem Are."

"O Little Town of Bethle-  
hem," perhaps the best known  
and most beloved of all Ameri-  
can carols, was written in 1868 by  
Phillips Brooks, a young Episco-  
palian minister of Philadelphia. A  
trip to the Holy Land was his in-  
spiration for the carol.

A churchman, John Pierpont,  
composed the gay Christmas  
song, "Jingle Bells" which has  
been popular for almost a cen-  
tury. A new Christmas song that  
is non-religious in theme, "I'm  
Dreaming of a White Christmas"  
by Irving Berlin is fast becoming  
a classic favorite of the season.

Today we have a rich heritage  
of glorious Christmas carols which  
make the Yuletide season lovelier  
and full of meaning year after  
year.

### Poinsettia Legend

So many legends attendant to  
Christmas are associated with  
plants and flowers!

Here is another one you may  
not have known! A little Mexi-  
can waif had no gift to take to  
the cathedral at Christmas. As she  
slowly picked her way to the  
church a strange weed caught her  
eye and she gathered it to take  
with her.

When she knelt to place this  
weed upon the altar, she saw in  
amazement that the humble weed  
had blossomed as a Poinsettia—  
or Flora de Noche Buena (the  
Flower of the Nativity as it is  
called in Mexico).



AT A GRAVE, A MEMORY: Marker in New York churchyard is scene of Christmas Eve pilgrimage to honor Clement Moore, whose original script of a famous poem is reproduced in inset.

## A Visit from St. Nicholas

By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house;  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,  
Had settled our brains for a long winter's nap;  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter;  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash;  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave a luster of midday to objects below;  
Then, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:  
"Now Dasher! now Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on Cupid! on, Dondler and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"  
When they met with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
So up on the house-top the coursers they flew;  
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too,  
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.  
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,  
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.  
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!  
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
And the beard of his chin was as white as snow;  
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.  
He had a broad face and a little round belly  
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;  
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;  
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

# Christmas GREETINGS

May this cherished holiday  
season bring high happiness to you  
and those you hold dear.

**Glen Jones**  
STATE SENATOR

*Our thanks and  
good wishes ring out  
to our friends...*

*The Cheery Christmas Bells ring out  
our sincere thanks for your wonderful  
friendship and patronage, and say,  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!"*

Remember, Folks, It's  
**WINKLEMAN'S**  
JEWELRY CO.

# GREETINGS

Our heartfelt greetings  
to all our friends.  
May they be blessed  
with peace, health,  
and good cheer.

**R. R. CAVENDER**  
Your Good Gulf Distributor  
Harrisburg, Ill.

# Christmas Greetings

**QUENTIN BOWERS**  
SALINE COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK AND RECORDER

# Season's Greetings


To all of our wonderful friends  
and neighbors... we hope that Santa  
arrives bearing a sleigh-load  
of all the good things in life.  
May the season find you rich in the  
blessings of Happiness, Peace and  
Health. The season's best to all.

Fred Harper	Howard Harper
Henry C. Dempsey	Hazel O'Neal
Kenneth O'Neal	Billy Harbison
Billy Borders	"Red" Atterbury
Joe Wentzel	W. M. Cox

**J. F. Harper & Son, Inc.**  
112 North Mill  
CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH  
Phone 599

# Merry Christmas

To all the "Good Skaters" we know we wish smooth gliding throughout the happiest, heartiest holiday season ever!



## Humm & Reynolds

TEXACO SERVICE  
101 South Main

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope this glorious season is filled with joy and good health for our many friends.



## McKenna Grocery

219 South Main Phone 136

# BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

Holiday happiness is our sincere wish for all. May your hopes be fulfilled...may your joy be deep and lasting.



## IRVIN Appliance Co.

615 East Poplar

# Cheerful Holiday Wishes

Mind if we pop up with a Yuletide wish for everybody? May your Christmas be a joyous one, remembered for years to come.



## BROWNIE CLEANERS

West Poplar St.

### "Couldn't Happen"—But They Did!

Annually the National Safety Council rounds up odd accidents that have happened throughout the country during the last year. Here, illustrated, is a quartet of the wackiest ones.



When they named a tavern at Port Huron, Mich., "Dew Drop Inn" it seemed a harmless, if corny pun. But the pun backfired during a heavy wind-and-rainstorm. As waves undermined the shore, the building slipped into Anchor Bay and floated off. One drink too many!



In Milwaukee, animal trainer Robert Belwirth had been teaching two baby elephants to step on and off 18-inch-high pedestals. Belwirth blithely tried it himself, slipped and fractured his left ankle. He thinks he heard a couple of trunkful of snickers.



In New Liberty, Iowa, 12-year-old David Dahl placed his rifle against a ladder in the barn and started to climb up to the hayloft. His dog, Jerry, jumped on the ladder. He struck the gun's trigger with his paw and shot his ascending master just below the hayloft. "Man bites dog" makes news. So does "Dog shoots boy."



Four-year-old Walter Adams, Jr., in his New York apartment home, was showing his kid brother acrobatic stunts he'd seen on TV. Glancing out the window he saw several small girls on the sidewalk, 40 feet below. Deciding to show them something really good, he opened the window, put his hands together like a high diver—and dove. The girls pulled him out of a big snowbank—nothing hurt but his pride.

### Where Is the King?

By R. E. Alexander  
Where is He who is born King? Thus spoke the wise men from afar. Where, oh where, is He? For we have seen His star.

Not in the palace world bright, No room midst the revelry at the inn. Not in the homes of men of wealth, Where is He who was born this night?

Vainly we've searched within the stately gates, No answer has come from the banquet hall. We've seen His light above them all, Can it be He waits in a humble place?

Where is He who was born our king? Where is the Lord who once in a manger lay? Around the world His praise we sing, And wise men continue their search today.

Not in the midst of pomp and circumstance, Not in the revelers company gay, Not in power or politics or chance, But in the lesser place He has come to stay.

Not in the heavens out of reach above, Not in hills or vale or glen, God in His wisdom with His infinite love Has placed His Son in the hearts of humble men.

### A Merrier Christmas

Author Unknown  
The more mistletoe... The merrier the glow. The more bells... The merrier the ring. The more carols... The merrier the sing. The more lights... The merrier the tree. The more gifts... The merrier we'll be. The more smiles... The merrier our faces. The more we love our neighbor... The merrier this place is.



SAINT NICHOLAS... The remaining bones of famed St. Nicholas are preserved in the museum of Antalya in Southern Turkey. Most of the Christmas saint's remains were stolen by pirates almost a century ago. An old portrait of the saint is at the back.

# Merry Christmas

## F. W. Hoehn Auto Service

Phone 54

## Weaver's Mobilgas Serv.

109 East Poplar Phone 1021

### Merry Christmas

By Lucille Hulbert  
We place candles in our windows. When Christmastime draws near, But there's a candle in my heart—A light for you all year. It's the candle of our friendship, And so, upon this day,

I want to send you greetings In the good old-fashioned way—Merry Christmas!

Any farmer or rancher may request the federal government to share the cost of conservation practices included in the county ACP on which he needs cost-sharing.

# Season's Greetings

On your journey through the Holiday Season, may good health and happiness always ride with you.



ESSIE HOLLOWAY of

## Holloway's Restaurant



For all our friends we wish this to be a season of significance. A holiday when peace mingles with merriment, love with good fellowship, good works with good will. And may the spirit of Christmas abide with you and those dear to you, now and always

# SALINE MOTOR COMPANY

201 East Poplar Street

Harrisburg, Illinois

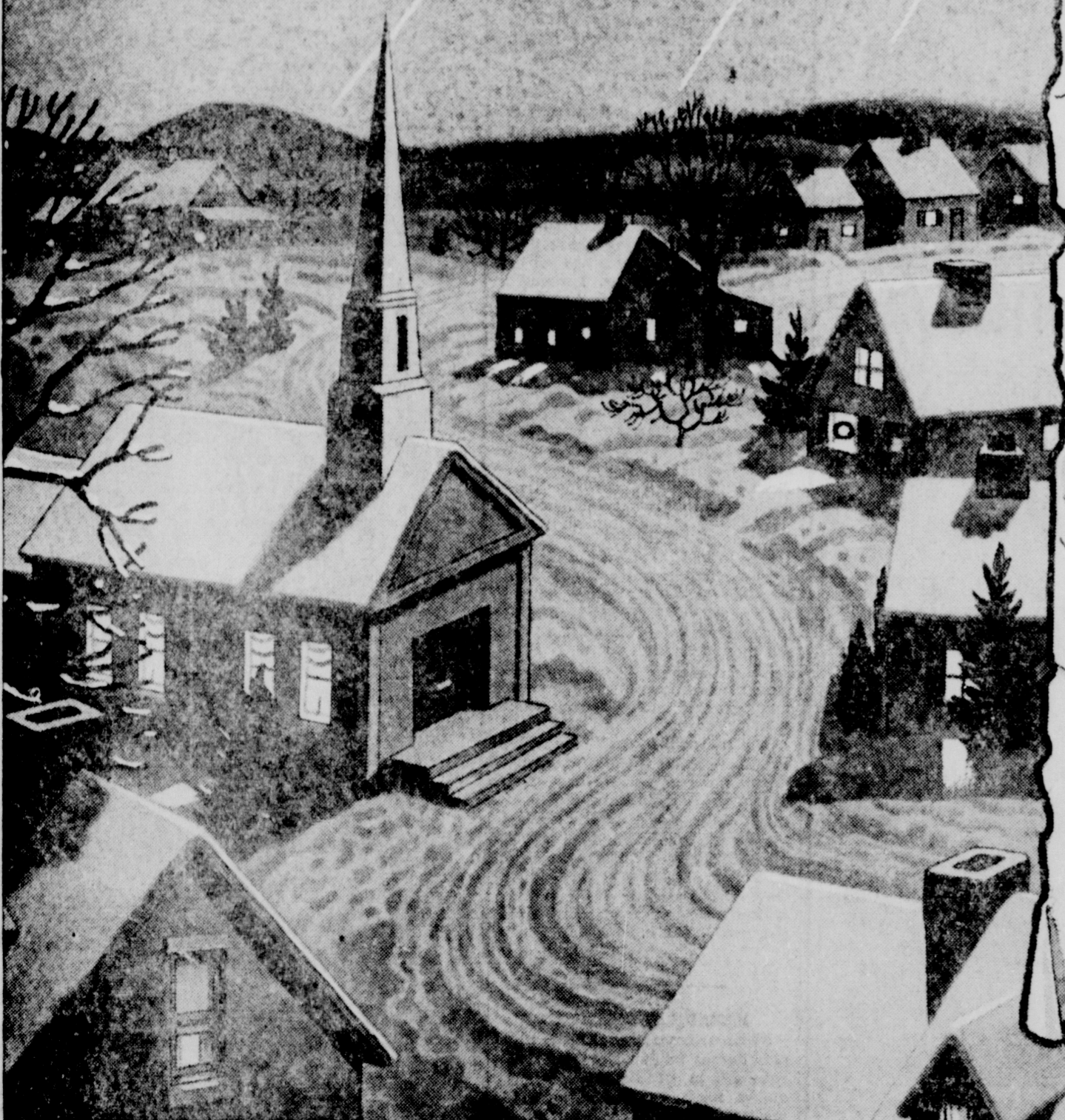


May the Christmas Spirit abide with all of us throughout the year, that we may be the better for it, and may the New Year bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to all our friends and customers . . . this is the sincere wish of the employees, officers and directors of the

## Harrisburg National Bank

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Kenneth C. Capel	R. C. Davenport	G. O. Davenport
Alvin Drue	O. R. Fischer	Donald G. Hughes
John R. Jackson	Jeanette James	George B. Lee
Carol Harper McRoy	Betty Lou Owen	Frank P. Parker
LaWanda Pierson	Shirley Prather	John H. Pruett
Jean Raymer	Mary Jean Rice	Ruby Thomas

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL OF YOU!



*holiday greetings*

To every member of our community, we extend sincere wishes for a happy, hearty Holiday Season that is filled with the joys of good health, good cheer and good fellowship.

**LEROY MITCHELL**  
**Typewriter Service**  
8 South Vine Phone 434

*Greetings*

To all our cherished friends we extend our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas...abounding in the blessings of good health and happiness.

**TISON and HALL**  
**Concrete Products, Inc.**

*Best wishes for Christmas*

May this joyous Yuletide season bring to you and your loved ones an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune.

**STAIN'S**  
Heating, Air Conditioning  
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**That Letter**

By Edita Wright

ONE evening in London's pea-soup fog, a taxi crawled along the curb in Jernyn Street and glided to a halt in front of the "L'Apertif" restaurant. "That will be three and sixpence," the driver said. The Honorable Neville Compton-McFarlane gave him four shillings and went inside. "Good evening, sir," the head waiter Louie greeted him cordially without familiarity. "It is good to see you again."

"It is good to BE back, Louie," the tall slender man replied and passing a well kept hand over his graying hair, he added: "This is a bad night, I am worried."

"Her Ladyship will be here," Louie reassured, "she has never failed you." He escorted his illustrious guest to the usual table in a far-off corner where the lights were dim and the noise of the



When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his. elite of London's New Year celebrations seemed only an echo. "Two Martins' very, very dry?" Louie inquired. A brief nod was the answer. McFarlane kept the entrance in check with his deep-set gray eyes. Nervously he smoothed the tablecloth, lit a cigarette and carefully inserted it into a gold holder. When he looked up again, her dark eyes were questioning his.

"My darling," he got up to seat her opposite himself. "I did not see you."

"You were not supposed to," she answered honestly, slowly taking off her gloves. "Did you bring that letter, Vil?"

"Of course, my dear." He examined every cherished feature of her beautiful face; the dark brown hair smoothly drawn away from her temples, the delicate coloring, the mouth always a little open, the long dark lashes now shading her eyes. "You are more lovely than ever," he said simply. Gently they clinked their glasses. "Read it to me now, please," Axelle asked, her voice barely a whisper.

**Hesitation**

A moment's hesitation before his hand tightened over the parched paper.

"Date and everything?" he looked at her.

"As always," she replied breathlessly.

It was a familiar routine, opening the letter, but there was always something wonderful and new about it. His hands trembled slightly.

"January 1, 1947," he began steadily and read the letter to the end! "My undying love, dearest, have Faith with me, Vil." He looked up and wanted to kiss away the tears in her eyes. The letter simply told of the love and devotion of a man for a woman he had searched for in forty drifting years of a lifetime and that would not be defeated in the face of every known obstacle that human society can devise. The pain and suffering had long since gone, but there remained, in both of them, a humble gratitude toward each other.

**Memories**

"Dear Heart," he lit a cigarette for her. "do you remember that night at Lugano, when we took a cabby along the lake and you kissed the horse right on the nose and you laughed until it hurt? And later—on the balcony? I have seen you happy, but never happier."

"And Cochenil's little bar in Paris?" she asked him. "Let's walk, darling," she added softly, "we will walk along the embankment in the fog and look at the lights on the Thames." They left, nodding smilingly to Louie, who tactfully opened the door without saying a word.

"And WHO do you suppose, they are," some waiter jeered. Louie looked at him with contempt. Then he sighed and slowly answered: "They have been coming here for about ten years now, always this same time. They order a drink, read that letter and leave."

"So what," the other was not satisfied, "tell us, who they are."

"He is at the British Embassy, charge d'affaires, in Paris. The lady is his wife."

The Washington zoo has a monkey that has flown twice as high as any man. Together with another macaque monkey, it rode an Aero-bee to an altitude of 36 miles before being parachuted down in the rocket's nose section. Both animals recovered in excellent health and spirits.

*Greetings to All*

'Tis the season to be jolly...and happy are we to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

**MIDWEST DRIVE-IN**  
323 East Raymond



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The time for joy, the time for peace;  
The time for pleasures that never cease.  
We wish you all at this time of year  
A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!

**CITY COAL YARD and TIN SHOP**  
PHONE 55

**Merry Christmas**

Once again we are happy to wish all of you the most wonderful, happiest Christmas ever!

**WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE**  
18 South Main Phone 860-R

**A CLEAN SLATE**

By F. L. Rowley

BOBBIE SMITH may not be the handsomest guy in the world but he sure is the luckiest. That's what the gang said when they found out he was going to marry Penny Shelley. Not only was Penny easy on the eyes, but she was about as nice a kid as you'll find anywhere. The only one in town who wasn't exactly wild about the idea was Benny Blake. Benny had been sweet on Penny for a long time.

Bobby got his ginger ale and for a time all went fine.

The night Benny came storming into Charlie's Place we all knew what had happened; Penny had told him she loved only Bobbie Smith and that was that.

"Here it is New Year's Eve," complained Benny, "and I ain't even got a date. A handsome guy like me with plenty of money and a new car. What's the matter with girls in this town?"

"Well, you're not exactly a church-goer," observed Charlie, "and if you're talking about Penny Shelley, as I believe you are, you know as well as I do that she steers clear of guys who drink."

"Hates 'em like poison," I agreed.

Benny scowled at me.

"Anyway, it's still early," said Charlie. "Why don't you call a few numbers to see if they're booked for tonight? No girl wants to sit home alone on New Year's Eve."

Benny ducked into the phone booth. About this time Bobbie Smith sauntered in.

Benny, who had come out of the phone booth, began to choke. I had to pound him on the back to bring him round. Then, to everyone's surprise he turned to Bobbie with a big smile:

"Hello, Bobbie old pal! How about a drink on me?"

Charlie and I looked at each other. Things like this just didn't happen.

"Well—O. K. Benny, I'll have a ginger ale."

**Trapped**

Bobbie got his ginger ale and for awhile everything went fine. He and Benny got to talking about this and that, while Charlie and I made fishing plans for the following summer. Suddenly we noticed Bobbie had his arm around Benny's neck. His talk was thick and his eyes were glassy and he didn't look good at all.

"What you been feeding him?" asked Charlie, glaring at Benny.

"Of all the dirty tricks!" I cried, running over to Bobbie. I sniffed his "ginger-ale." It was loaded.

"Look at the clock!" groaned Charlie. "Penny will be here in five minutes. You steer this guy over to a table and I'll get some black coffee."

Well, we were pouring black coffee into Bobbie, slapping his face and telling him to snap out of it, when Penny walked through the door. She was dressed like a doll, although the effect was spoiled by the look in her eyes. I thought she was going to break down and cry right there. Charlie and I felt like crying ourselves.

Then she turned slowly and walked out into the street.

It was six o'clock in the morning when we got Bobbie home. He was back to normal, but still very sick. Charlie and I didn't say anything about Penny; what was the use? As we turned to go, the door opened, and there she was!

**Forgiving**

She looked as lovely as ever. Rushing across the room to Bobbie, she threw her arms around his neck. Charlie and I just blinked; we never did start a year out feeling better.

After promising to be their best man I asked Penny: "What made you change your mind about Bobbie?"

"Benny called me," she said, with her eyes still wide from looking at the ring Bobbie had given her. "He said that he'd done a mean thing—that he'd like to start the New Year with a clean slate."

Funny thing, Benny got to be a pretty dependable guy after that; didn't drink much either. Makes me kind of proud, Benny, you see, is my big brother.

**PARADE OF FIREMEN**

Firemen have always been popular heroes in Japan because the construction of Japanese homes makes them fire hazards. So an annual feature of New Year's Day is the annual dezomeshiki—parade of the fire brigades.

*Star-Bright Christmas Wishes*

To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors, we want to extend our warmest Season's Greetings.

**SLOAN'S Flower Shop**

*Greetings*

A joyous, cheerful Christmas to all.

A bright, happy future for everybody.

**Factory Outlet Shoe Store**  
27 W. Church Phone 614-W

*GREETINGS*

Our jolly good wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors for this season of good will and cheer!

**Braddock's Gulf Service**  
30 West Church Phone 1080

Jess Golden Bill Hawkins  
Paul Becker Buell Buchanan  
Dale Amberger Ray Braddock

*SEASON'S Greetings*

Joyfully we join the merry carolers to warmly wish our wonderful friends and patrons a Happy Holiday Season.

**Williams Insurance Agency**  
Don and Bill  
Gregg Building Phone 303



*Season's Greetings*

**Paul Hood's Barber Shop**  
Vine Street

**ALLEY OOP** No Ax! By V. T. Hamlin



**Holiday**

Yellowstone National Park, the nation's oldest, was created in 1872. The newest is Everglades National Park, created in 1947.

### When Santa Eats Lunch

#### Beard Goes Into a Bag

By WARD CANNEL  
NEA Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK (NEA)—Honestly! What with Christmas Spirit and "Yes Virginia" and sugarplums and all, it was a shocking sight. There was jolly old Santa Claus sitting in the employees' lunchroom stroking his kindly old beard. And then, without so much as a donder or blitzen, he wrapped it in tissue paper, put it in a box, and began to eat a peanut butter sandwich.

"I sure like peanut butter," he said very slowly, "even if it sticks to the roof of my mouth."

He was not Santa Claus at all. He was, instead, one of the hundreds of men in Santa suits and nylon beards who ring their bells between Thanksgiving and Christmas for the Volunteers of America. The money they collect in their little chimneys goes into a Christmas fund for the needy.

"But," he explained, "you can't keep the beard on when you eat. You might get it dirty."

He turned out to be 38 years old. And he had been, at various times, a lumberjack, an oil-rigger, a short-order cook, a merchant seaman. But for the past several years he had been drifting back to play the part of Santa Claus.

VOA National Executive Secretary Col. John F. McMahon explained why:

"The Santa Claus job, besides filling a need in communities, gives these men a chance to be somebody—at least at Christmas."

Most of the Santas, he said, were men who had been in the VOA program for years, trying to get away from a string of bad luck or poor job orientation.

"You ought to hear them in the dressing rooms before they go out," he said. "They talk like Mr. Claus himself."

MacMahon generally trains the Santa squad himself. Schooling takes about 14 days and covers the do's and don'ts of being a good sidewalk St. Nick.

For example: be courteous, attentive, inconspicuous, well-groomed, patient—clean of breath and trim of whisker.

On the other hand: "Do not promise children that what they ask for will be delivered—but send them away hopeful and happy."

Take the case of a 23-year-old boy who rushed up to a Santa and said: "I want a sports car."


Said Santa—once a steelmill hand, "You hang up your stocking, sonny. And if I can get the car into it, you'll get it."

Underneath his red suit, the VOA Santa wears a mackinaw. In very cold weather, he stands on a portable grate to keep his feet off the cement. His workday begins when the stores open and finishes when they close. A relief man—in ci-

*Christmas GREETINGS*

Our best wishes for the Christmas season to all of our friends.

**Thomas Cleaners**



**NOEL**

Our heartfelt good wishes for this joyous season to all of our wonderful friends.

**Kimberlin's Cleaners**  
Tess and Gene Kimberlin  
103 E. Poplar Phone 53

### Greeting Cards Christmas Gift Of Englishman

Greeting cards are an English contribution to the Christmas observance.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas was originated in 1846 by Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman and the idea brought Cole great honor as well as knighthood.

Cole's original cards depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and he had a thousand of them struck off by lithograph. Although the cards met with immediate popularity and brought fame to Sir Henry Cole, it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Today the demand for cards is so great that many companies spend the full year designing and producing only Christmas greetings.

While today's mass-produced cards are quite superior to the original cards produced by Henry Cole, neither time nor poets have been able to improve on the classical message the Englishman penned to the first Christmas greeting cards: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

### The Daily Register, Harrisburg, Illinois

Saturday, December 24, 1955 Page Three, Section Three

## Precious Gift



It was Christmas in the village of Trenton. Snow-covered rooftops gleamed white in the pale moonlight and the night echoed with the boisterous song of Hessian Mercenaries celebrating the season of peace on earth—celebrating with greater spirit than wisdom. Christmas trees, first to be seen in America, dangled tinsel and toys. The cobbled streets were alive with laughter.

Across the Delaware things were not so merry. Especially did this holiday season of 1776 find little merriment among the soldiers of the Continental Army, under command of George Washington, spending the icy Christmas on the frozen hills of Pennsylvania overlooking the Delaware.

In almost constant retreat since his loss to Lord Howe in the battle of Long Island, Washington was in a desperate situation. Supplies were almost gone. The new year would end the enlistment period for many of his tattered soldiers. England had already promised to pardon all who had taken up arms against the Crown if they would return peaceably to their homes. Washington knew he must taste victory now or never.

By lantern light, he loaded 2400 men, 18 cannon, ammunition, and horses into flat-bottom boats. With lanterns extinguished, the boats began to make slow progress across the river that was clogged with floating ice blocks.

When the church clock at Trenton struck 7 a.m. a young American officer named Alexander Hamilton looked down upon the town from a high hill where he had managed to set up his artillery. Washington gave the signal and the rumble of the cannon echoed through the silent streets of Trenton.

Caught completely by surprise, the Hessian soldiers flung away their guns and swords and fled for their lives. As the Hessian commander lay dying from a bullet wound, he directed an aide to read a message he had received the night before but had not opened. It warned him of Washington's impending attack.

The village of Trenton and 1,000 prisoners were Washington's prizes. He probably could not foresee at the time that he had given his nation a great Christmas present. His daring attack and surprising victory laid the foundation of independence upon which the nation still grows and prospers.



## Season's Greetings

One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have...and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

**SKAGGS PHARMACY**  
SOUTH SIDE SQUARE



## GREETINGS

Here's hoping that all the joys of this Holiday season will be yours in fullest measure...and that the New Year will be richly rewarding in warm friendships, good health and happiness.

**YOUR FRIENDLY FURNITURE STORE**  
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APPLIANCES — FURNITURE — TELEVISION

Harrisburg Eldorado Carbondale




**CHRISTMAS OUT WEST**—A saguaro cactus becomes a Christmas tree in sunny Tucson, Ariz. Transformation is made with the help of three girls in various degrees of "western" dress, eagerly decorating the cactus with bells, holly and gifts.

Season's Greetings and best wishes to All



**Robert Rushing**  
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Christmas Bells



The progress of Christianity—and our civilization as well—has been accompanied by the far-reaching message of the bells—bells that call the reverent to worship, that herald the approach of a holiday or commemorate a great or blessed event.

But, particularly at Christmas is the message of the bells most effective. From the echoing ring of the bell in a small mission church to the resounding peal that comes forth from massive cathedral towers, the bells tell of joy and peace and call to the world to come and adore.

Older themselves than the story they tell at Christmas, bells were first used to sound the alarm in fire or tumult. Rich burghers jealously guarded their bells and used them to rally their followers when danger threatened.

Bishop Paulinus of Nola in southern Italy is commonly credited with introducing the first church bells about 431 A. D., when he put up a huge copper kettle on the roof of his church and struck it with a hammer. Before that, a crier had announced services by running through the streets ringing a hand bell.

From Italy, the idea spread to France and thence to England. Not until the 11th Century did bells appear in the towers of German and Swiss churches. Competition among bell casters developed the bells in size, quality of tone and beauty. A founder had to be a metallurgist, designer and musician as well. The race for bigger and better bells went on until a bell was cast in Russia that proved to be too heavy for machinery to lift into place.

Cast in 1773, in Moscow, it is the "Tsar Kolokol." It weighs 180 tons, measures 20 feet in height, 22 feet in diameter and is 23 inches thick. Many costly but futile attempts were made to hoist it into place. China, the mother of many things cast the first great bell in 1408. Weighing 53 tons, it hangs in the Big Bell Temple in Peking. Another large bell, 15 tons, is suspended in the ancient Buddhist temple in Japan. The chimes of St. Michael's in Charleston, S. C., are probably the most traveled bells, having crossed the Atlantic seven times because of ownership changes or to be recast. They last crossed the Atlantic in 1865.


The first liner of the Cunard Lines, the S. S. Britannia, required 14 days, 8 hours, to cross from Liverpool to New York in 1840. Cunard's Queen Mary crossed Cherbourg, France, to New York in 4 days, 12 hours, 24 minutes on her maiden voyage in 1936.



To all of you from all of us, sincere wishes for a joyful Holiday Season, rich in friendship and good will... and aglow with love and happiness.

**JOHNS' CAFE**  
Virgil and Gladys and all the girls.

On a Silent Night



It was December 23, 1818 in a tiny mountain village in Austria. The night was cold and clear and a heavenly canopy of stars stretched over a peaceful earth as far as the eye could see.

Father Joseph Mohr, a young parish priest, had just administered the last rites to a dying woman. Walking thoughtfully homeward, he looked down at the twinkling lights of the village and the bright stars above. A soul was about to depart from this world, to sleep forever in heavenly peace. Tomorrow at midnight the village and the Christian world would reverently observe the greatest birth—the Nativity that took place that holy night so long ago.

How sad, the young priest thought, that the church organ was broken and the musical program for the holiday services had been cancelled. Franz Gruber the organist, had suggested they find a simple melody that could be sung to the accompaniment of a guitar. Give him the words, he'd said, and he would compose the music. Give him the words... and there would be music.

As he thought of birth and life and death and looked down upon the sleepy, starlit village below, Father Mohr found these words. They sing the praises of the Holy Infant born to the world, and we wonder if they do not also ask for the departed soul "rest in peace."

Thus came the famous "Silent Night, Holy Night." Franz Gruber, true to his word, put Father Mohr's words to music that will endure till the end of time.

**Traffic Deaths Decrease During S-D Campaign**

WASHINGTON — The President's Committee for Traffic Safety said today that traffic deaths fell 3 1/2 per cent during its recent three-week safe driving campaign.

This reduction was achieved, the committee said, "in the face of an upward trend that had continued uninterruptedly" since the end of February.

Final figures of the National Safety Council show 2,069 fatalities for the 21 days of the campaign. This was 75 fewer than in the corresponding 1954 period when the toll was 2,144.

Midpoint of the campaign was Safe Driving Day, Dec. 1. The toll that day was 89, compared with 81 on the corresponding Thursday last year. This was an increase for the one day of 9.8 per cent.

Christmas Greetings



**Scott's**  
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Ph. 98 302 W. Sloan  
Harrisburg

NEW YORK SPECTACULAR... Among the brightest Christmas displays anywhere is the annual Rockefeller Center arrangement. In this display flickering bulbs are set into 300 giant red and white tapers in the channel gardens while the tree, symbol of peace and good will, lights up the surroundings.



Early Saxons named the curious berried tree parasite used as a Yuletide decoration "Mistletoe," meaning a shoot of a tree. Early Nordics dedicated mistletoe to their goddess of love and started kissing under it as a gesture of friendship and love.

Merry Christmas



AND THANK YOU

**Pickford Flower Shop**

CHRISTMAS TREE... The holiday tree is as important to a good Christmas for the children as is the visit by Santa Claus. Bringing in the tree, like the ancient custom of bringing in the Yule Log, has become an American tradition cherished by the younger generation.



Novel Christmas Decorations Add Value To Presents

With so many gifts to wrap this time of the year, paper, cards, ribbons, seals and other package decorations can add up to quite a sum. By using a little imagination, these costs can be kept at a minimum.

Ends of wallpaper rolls, whether left over from your own walls or bought as odd stock at your local paint store, are especially pretty for large packages. Even newspapers can be used to wrap large packages and the want-ad section is more attractive than the other pages.

Small pieces of aluminum foil or shelf paper from the end of the roll are excellent for wrapping smaller packages. Or if you have a young child who fingerprints, why not wrap gifts in some of his paintings.

White tissue paper can be made quite appealing by spattering it with red or green ink or water with food coloring added.

For seals, cut out colored pictures from magazines, old Christmas cards or even small bits of wrapping paper and paste them on a small piece of folded construction paper to make an enclosure card.

Acorns, pine cones or oak leaves, painted or shellacked and tied on top of the package will catch the eye of both young and old.

greetings for Christmas



**EBB'S Shoe Shop**  
South Vine

Merry Christmas



The season's here with joy and cheer... to last throughout the coming year! Best wishes to all!

**Parker's Midway**

NEW YEAR CELEBRATORS



With the advent of another year we might well be skeptical and say, "Why celebrate with such fervor and excitement? A good year had to die so 1956 could be born."

We might say this, but no one does. If 1955 was a good year, it will be well remembered, but few will dwell upon its passing. It must give way to a bright new year bringing with it the profound impression that we are again blessed with an invaluable supply of new days, hours and minutes. We have found a new reservoir of time; time in which to make plans, to do things, to live and think, and to make our dreams come true.

Time is indeed the true coin of our mortal realm, a deeply personal possession that each is free to spend, squander, sell, give away, devote to the glory of God and to the causes of humanity.

And though 1956 marks yet another milestone along the journey of life that is all too short and quickly travelled, it is joyfully welcomed as the giver of a new and magical handful of time. With this magical handful it is possible to defeat the worries of age; to conquer fear; to see through the shadows of disillusionment.

With unified determination and with the help of God, this handful of living, this New Year 1956, can be recorded in the book of life upon earth as a year of achievement in man's hopeful quest for a better world—where all nations and all people live together in joy, peace and harmony.

**Tips on Choosing Christmas Tree That Will Last**

If your Christmas tree shed needles all over the living room last year, chances are you weren't careful enough in buying a "fresh" tree.

Touch-typing will help you pick a choicy tree. You can tell by the feel which trees are better able to withstand the hot siege indoors.

If twigs and foliage aren't reasonably resilient or needles feel dry and crumbly, better pass up the tree. Chances are it will look like a hatrack before Christmas day.

And if you're not quite sure by the touch method, bang the butt of the tree sharply on the floor. A shower of needles will tell you if the tree's drying out, even before you get it home. Of course, the way the tree looks is an important factor, but an attractive tree that will lose its beauty in short order is hardly a bargain.

The ideal holiday tree boasts the traditional pyramid shape, with lush branches reaching to the base. The two favorites in the market places are Balsam fir and Norway spruce. The slower-growing Balsam fir is more expensive than the spruce, but it retains its beauty longer indoors.

**Many People Still Celebrate Feasts By Ancient Calendar**

Many people who use the Gregorian calendar still solemnize traditional feasts, including New Year, in accordance with ancient calendars.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The observances begin on Rosh Hashana and end on Yom Kippur; Rosh Hashana commemorates the Day of Creation and is also the annual day of judgment, with judgment being irrevocably sealed on Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement); therefore the spirit of penance dominates the solemnities.

Penance is also a feature of Hindu observances, solemnized in accordance with the ancient lunar calendar during the spring equinox.

The Moslem calendar, which dates from 626 A. D., is unique, since the twelve months of the year begin with the approximate new moon without any calculations to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. Thus, the months—and New Years, too—retrograde through the entire year in about 33 years.

Merry CHRISTMAS



**The Metcalfs**  
18 South Mill Phone 1280

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Our hearts are filled with the warmest wishes for the merriest Christmas you ever enjoyed.

**JENNIE'S CAFE**  
16 South Vine

Joyous Christmas Greetings



Our sincerest wishes for a Christmas rich in the blessings of love and friendship.

**Petty**  
Phone 717  
29 West Poplar Home Furnishings

MERRY CHRISTMAS



That very special time o' year is here again... so, to all our friends and patrons—we want to say: may Santa shower you with everything your hearts desire.

**ALLEN'S GARAGE**  
907 North Main

Making Your Own Holiday Decorations Adds To Pleasure

Make your holiday decorations and you will not only save money, you'll have fun.

A kissing ring for a doorway can be made by covering two embroidery hoops with ribbon or tinsel. Place them at right angles to each other and add a bell, ball ornament or sprig of mistletoe inside. Attach a bow at the bottom if you wish. Instead of embroidery hoops, you may use can rings painted with gilt or tempera paints.

Evergreen branches can be used in many ways. Have you ever tried covering the wood moulding about a door with them? Or bending a wire coat hanger into a circle and attaching greens to it to form a wreath? You can add ball ornaments or bright cranberries to brighten it a bit.

Then how about decorating your windows and mirrors? Cotton, white spray paint or white paper snowflakes always look pretty. But if there's an artist in your family, why not have him paint a scene of a jolly Santa on a window or mirror with tempera paints?

In the Spirit of the Holiday Seasons  
I Wish to Offer a

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To You All**



**GORDON E. KERR**  
State Representative




A  
MESSAGE  
FOR  
Christmas

In the spirit of  
the first Christmas that  
"came upon a midnight  
clear" we extend  
our warmest greetings  
to you and yours.

**Bramlet  
Meat Market**

Perry — Vern  
Ed  
Wendell




Greetings

Our sincerest wishes that you may  
enjoy a truly Merry Christmas  
with all its joys and pleasures.

**Allen's Shell Service**

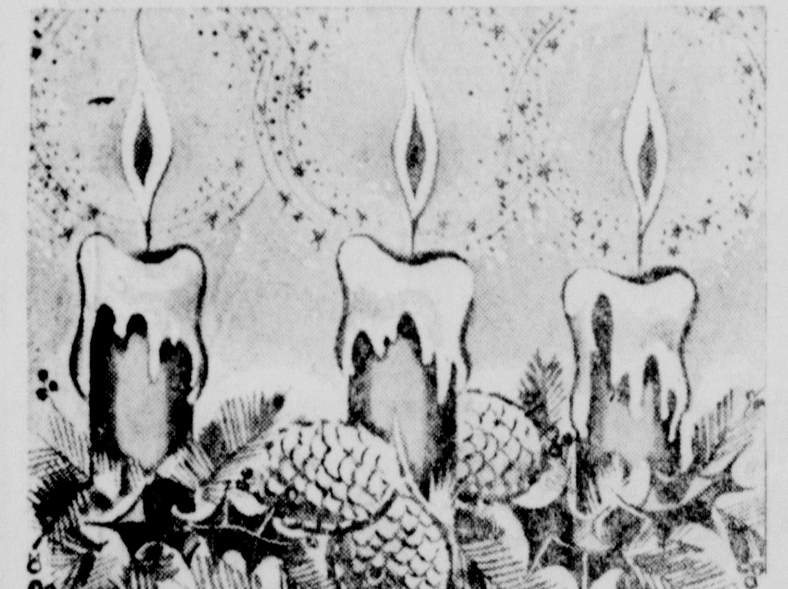
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Cheerio

From all of us here, to  
everyone, everywhere... have the  
merriest Christmas ever,  
chock-full of good health, happiness  
and everything nice.

**Harrisburg  
Mill and Elevator  
Company**



ROEL

With happy memories of many  
pleasant friendships, we extend our sin-  
cerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

**HEISTER'S  
Plumbing & Heating**

201 East Locust Phone 170

CALL FOR  
New Year

By F. L. Rowley

SOME folks liked Mayor Ful-  
crum, and some didn't, but if  
election day had been January  
2nd, he'd have won by a whopping  
big margin.

Mollie Nesbitt had lived in Hill  
crest nearly eleven years before  
we found out about her sister  
Elsie. We heard the news from  
Mrs. Parker, who seemed a wee  
bit ashamed for not having dis-  
covered it earlier.

"Imagine!" exclaimed the talk-  
ative Mrs. Parker, as we wrapped  
the last of the New Year decora-  
tions in the Hillcrest Town Hall.  
"The poor soul hasn't seen Elsie  
in more than ten years."

"Why?" asked Mayor Fulcrum.  
"Mollie says her sister lives out  
west; guess she just can't afford  
to buy a round-trip ticket."

"She works at Phil's Diner,"



"She works at Phil's Diner,  
doesn't she?" mumbled the  
mayor.

"Doesn't she?" mumbled the mayor,  
stuffing Christmas candy into his  
mouth. "Phil pays her, I pre-  
sume."

"She's always helping someone,"  
said young Mrs. Rogers with a  
frown, as she reached for the  
mayor's candy bowl. "Whenever  
any one of us needs a baby sitter  
we think of Mollie Nesbitt. When  
the children want a sucker, or  
kite-string, or pick up a silver—it's  
always Mollie Nesbitt."

"Why doesn't she call her sister  
on the phone?" asked the mayor.  
Then, turning his back on our little  
group, he strode off in search of  
new tid-bits.

Good Idea

"No! No!" cried Mrs. Parker as  
Mrs. Rogers raised the bowl men-  
acingly above her head.

Mrs. Rogers grinned. "I wouldn't  
throw it—not really. Besides, I  
think his honor has a good idea.  
Why not have Mollie call her sis-  
ter—at our expense. I think we  
all owe her a holiday gift."

We all heartily agreed. The may-  
or himself said that the plan was  
a dandy when we told him about  
it. He promised to write to Elsie  
to make sure she'd be home when  
the call came through; it wouldn't  
be a surprise, or a present, if  
Elsie weren't at the other end of  
the line on New Year's Eve.

When Mollie Nesbitt left Phil's  
Diner on New Year's Eve it was  
snowing. When she reached home  
it was snowing harder. By the  
time she opened the front door to  
admit our joyous delegation a reg-  
ular blizzard was under way. We  
chugged the telephone, carrying  
Mollie with us. She let out a squeal  
of delight when we told her that  
she'd soon be talking to Elsie. Her  
eyes grew bright with anticipation  
when Mrs. Parker placed the call.

Then Mrs. Parker clipped our  
chatter. Her face was grim as she  
faced us:

"Martha Weeks says the lines  
are down. Big snow storm out  
west. We'll not be able to talk to  
Elsie tonight."

We were stunned. Mollie sat still  
for awhile, trying not to look too  
disappointed. A bit later she  
trotted into the kitchen for a tray  
of cookies, but they stuck in our  
throats.

Company

"Someone's coming up the  
walk," said Mrs. Parker. "Looks  
like Mayor Fulcrum—but it's hard  
to tell with all this snow. It is the  
mayor—and there's a lady with  
him!"

Mollie opened the door—then let  
out a cry that brought us all to  
our feet. "Elsie! Oh what a won-  
derful present!" And she threw  
her arms around her sister's neck.

"Happy New Year, mayor!" I  
cried, grasping his hand warmly.  
"You sure brightened things up  
around here. Whatever made you  
decide to bring Elsie to Hillcrest?"

"Well, I ran into Mollie last week  
at the post-office, where she was  
mailing a package to Elsie. She  
was sending hearing-aid batteries.  
Thinking that Elsie might be too  
hard of hearing to carry on a  
phone conversation, I enclosed a  
round trip train ticket in my  
letter."

"She's not wearing a hearing aid  
now," I said.

"Never did. The batteries were  
for Mollie's uncle."

The average new house built last  
year had 1,140 square feet of floor  
area, making it 5 per cent larger  
than the average house built in  
1941.

In 1900 there were 20,000 deaths  
from typhoid. In 1954 there were  
less than 20 deaths from the dis-  
ease.



Hello!

We join jolly  
Santa in extending our  
heartly greetings  
to everybody. May your holiday be  
full of joy and good fellowship.

**Turner's Furniture Store**

200 East Poplar



Merry Christmas

from your CHECKERBOARD FEED  
and  
FARM SUPPLY STAFF

**Godard's Farm Market**

629 NORTH MAIN


A HAPPY  
Christmas

We wish all our friends  
a heart-warming holiday, full  
of joy and good fellowship!



**Henry's Typewriter Service**

23 South Main Phone 1291-R



GREETINGS

May your  
Christmas  
happiness  
last all  
year  
long.

**Harker Miley Insurance Agency**

Harker Miley  
Hazel Golish  
Delmas Miley  
Hilda Kowite  
Viola Fink

Bethlehem  
Many Languages  
Join Together  
In Holy Praise

As the angels sang on that first  
Christmas night, so will there be  
singing in the village of Bethlehem  
in this year of 1955.

Bethlehem caroling is in many  
languages. An Arab choir will join  
with the voices of tourists and pil-  
grims in a simple outdoor service.  
In a grove which might have been  
the sheepfold for the watching  
shepherds, the Christmas story  
will be read from the Gospel of  
St. Luke.

The stone buildings and churches  
of Bethlehem will be filled with  
thousands of pilgrims who have  
journeyed here for a pontifical  
mass at midnight in St. Catherine's  
Chapel and the procession which  
later leads down a flight of stone  
stairs to the grotto beneath the  
Church of the Nativity.

According to tradition, nearly  
2,000 years old, the grotto is the  
site of the stable where Jesus was  
born when Joseph and Mary could  
find no room at the inn.

During the ceremony an infant  
figure of Christ is placed first on a  
silver star, then in a manger in a  
wooden crib where it will remain  
until the feast of Epiphany.

On both sides of the Israel-Jor-  
dan border, a short distance from  
Bethlehem, tent cities are set up  
to facilitate border crossing for-  
malities for almost 2,000 Christians  
living in Israel and temporary  
Christian residents of Israel travel-  
ing to Bethlehem for Christmas.  
The formalities do not take much  
time. In one tent, pilgrims get  
stamps for their permits; in an-  
other, their luggage is checked; in  
another, their money is changed.


Then they cross the border,  
Bethlehem-bound, just as was  
Mary and Joseph on a similar  
night long, long ago, and just as  
are fervent travelers from all parts  
of the world in this year of 1955.

Thousands Send Cards  
To First Family

Last year some 15,000 Americans  
sent Christmas cards to President  
and Mrs. Eisenhower.

This number was almost twice  
the total received by the Eisen-  
howers the year before.

About 75 per cent of the senders  
wrote personal messages on their  
cards last year and most of them  
said they were praying for the  
First Family.



**Lincoln Proclamation  
Issued on New Year's**

On New Year's day, 1863, Presi-  
dent Lincoln issued a proclama-  
tion freeing the slaves in states  
and parts of states where the peo-  
ple were then in rebellion.

The areas designated were Ar-  
kansas, Texas, Mississippi, Ala-  
bama, Florida, Georgia, South  
Carolina, North Carolina and large  
parts of Louisiana and Virginia.  
Tennessee was excepted from the  
proclamation, although the Union  
armies were far from complete  
success in their task of bringing  
it under government control.

The Emancipation Proclamation  
did not abolish slavery. That was  
accomplished by the thirteenth  
amendment, which went into ef-  
fect Dec. 18, 1865.

FIRST CABLE

The first cable across the Pacific  
between San Francisco and Hono-  
lulu, 2,600 miles was completed on  
January 1, 1903 and the first mes-  
sage sent that same day. The  
cable was played out by the "Sil-  
vertone" a cable ship which de-  
parted from San Francisco, Dec.  
14, 1902 and arrived at Honolulu  
on January 1, 1903, the same day  
the first message was sent.

**Egyptians Pioneers  
In Study of Time**

The Egyptians were probably the  
first to develop any "exact" meth-  
od of calculating time—about  
4,000 B.C. they devised a "cal-  
endar."

The Christian era begins on  
January 1, in the middle of the  
fourth year of the 194th Olympiad,  
the 753rd year of the building of  
Rome and in the 4714th year of the  
Julian period.

The Jewish calendar reads 5717  
in relation to 1956 A.D., since ac-  
cording to Jewish dogma and  
tradition the Creation antedated  
the birth of Christ approximately  
3,761 years. The Jewish calendar  
was adopted during the 15th cen-  
tury.

Use of the notation A.D. (year  
of our Lord) was inaugurated in  
879 by Charles III of Germany.



CHRISTMAS  
Greetings

We hope you and yours  
enjoy a hearty Holiday...  
brimful of the love and joy  
that make Christmas.

**QUALITY CLEANERS**

509 S. Granger Phone 1310-R



Christmas  
Greetings

and every good  
wish for the coming year

**Retail Clerks Local  
Union 896**



Holiday  
Cheer

May the joys of the  
Holiday Season come  
to your home...to stay!

**MIDWAY MARKET**



wishing  
everyone  
merry merry  
Christmas

**ARENSMAN'S**

YOUR FAMILY SHOE STORE

### New Year Day Double Holiday in Haiti

For Latin America's Republic of Haiti, January 1 marks not only the beginning of a new year, but also the anniversary of its independence. It was on January 1, 1804, that Jean Jacques Dessalines formally declared the island's freedom from France and the adoption of the Indian name of "Haiti" for the new nation.

In defying the great Napoleon and winning its freedom from France, Haiti became the second nation of the Western hemisphere to win independence as well as the first and only French-speaking republic of the New World.

### LONGEST YEAR

Once there was a year which contained 445 days—or an extra two months.

Numa Pompilius supposedly created the Roman calendar in the seventh century B. C. Although revised several times, the calendar by Julius Caesar's time was two months behind the sun.

When Caesar set his experts to the task of revising the calendar in the 16th century, they found they had to meet the problem of catching up with the sun. So two months were inserted between the months of November and December for the year 46 B. C.



**DARNELL'S GROCERY**  
600 West Poplar Phone 155



**Joyous  
Christmas  
Wishes**

*May the Christmas  
spirit of Peace and Good  
Fellowship shine in  
your heart now and always.*

**Harvey's Food Store**

31 West Church Phone 677



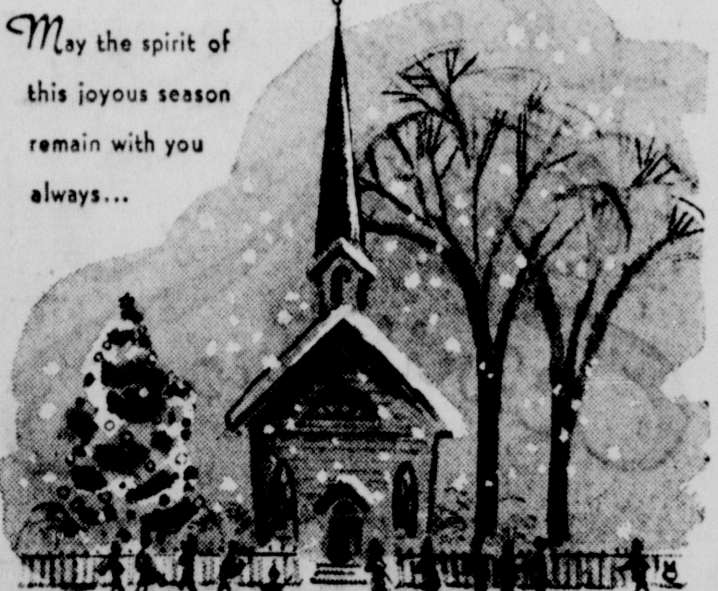
**A merry Christmas**

*Our Yuletide best to all our friends  
...for a season packed with all the  
wonderful things that Christmas means!*

**Newman's Home Supply**  
512 South McKinley Phone 209-W

### A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

*May the spirit of  
this joyous season  
remain with you  
always...*



**The Webster Pharmacy**  
YOUR PRESCRIPTION STORE

### OUT OUR WAY



"I don't know that I can answer your question, son, but I'll try.

"The Christmas spirit... well, it's something you can't touch as you can the tree or feel as you do the cold and the wind and snow. It's greater than the distance to a star or the silence of the night, more wonderful even than Santa Claus...

"Oh, yes, Christmas trees and snow, presents and things, they're all part of the Christmas spirit. But these are things that we could have the whole year round without the Christmas spirit. It's only at Christmastime that they...

"Why? Well, it's because the Christmas spirit sort of changes the way we look at things and the way we feel. Little, everyday things, usually so important, go off somewhere and are lost among the Christmas tree lights or the evergreen arches along Main Street. We completely forget about ourselves as we gather presents for all our friends. Our troubles just seem to melt away. We buy gifts the year round for birthdays and anniversaries, it's true, but it's not the same. When the Christmas spirit moves us, we feel happy. We just want everyone in the whole world...

"Is it being happy?" Not just being happy as such. It's being happy, and kind, and generous, full of peace, and, most important of all, being reverent, all at once.

"Sure, like when we are in church. Outside the snow is deep and the midnight wind whistles through the trees. But inside there's warmth and comfort and a quiet peacefulness that you don't find anywhere else. Though just outside, the world, with its wind and snow and trees and stars and sky seems far removed. The flickering altar candles seem to be repeating a humble prayer in a language of their own. Your heart swells inside you and suddenly you are warm to the very tip of your toes. It's then that you know... that you feel it... the true Christmas spirit. With every breath you know that you are nearer and closer to Him... you know...

God? Surely God. You knew it all the time. The Christmas spirit doesn't come from Santa, nor does it come to any man as a present. It comes only when each of us, though we may have been careless or forgetful, reaffirm our faith in His presence and goodness and so strengthen our hopes to be with Him forever and forever. Then we have the Christmas Spirit, the most wonderful feeling in the world.

### Medieval Dinner Once Was Popular Custom For Coeds

Eating peas with a knife is contrary to Emily Post and doesn't seem to have much qualification for observance as a Christmas tradition, but for more than 25 years coeds at Pennsylvania State University partook of a fork-less meal each Yule season.

The traditional medieval dinner, complete with everything from costumed lords and ladies to the legendary boar's head, dated back to 1919, finally had to be cancelled when coed ranks swelled to almost 1,000.

The affair, sponsored by the Women's Student Government Association, began with a formal procession through the dining hall. Lord and Lady McAllister—the dinner was held in McAllister Hall—led the throng, which included noble lords and ladies, heralds, a poet, a cardinal, pages, and two jesters bearing the boar's head.

All these girls were appropriately costumed and sat upon a raised dais in the center of the holly-bedecked room, which was illuminated by candlelight.

A choir furnished Christmas music, and the poet entertained the guests by reading Old English poetry from a scroll. In accordance with medieval custom, no forks or napkins were allowed, although guests sometimes secreted them in their pockets. The menu consisted of roast pork, mashed potatoes, peas, and a very rich plum pudding.

Today's students eat a special Christmas dinner before going home for vacation—but it's served "sissy" style. They're allowed a full complement of table utensils.

The tallest Christmas tree on record was a 212 foot Douglas fir set up in 1930 in Northgate, a suburb of Seattle, Washington. It displayed 3,500 colored lights.



**Burroughs' Grocery**  
1002 South Granger

### By Williams

**ROSE BOWL HISTORY**

After Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl football game, January 1, 1902, there was no football game supplement to the Tournament of Roses until 1916. Chariot races were substituted for the gridiron spectacle in 1903, proved popular for several years and then lost in favor until 1916 when collegiate football returned as Washington State defeated Brown University.

To The Democrats of Precinct 3  
Harrisburg . . .  
Season's Greetings and  
My Best Wishes  
**Carl D. Beggs**  
Precinct Committeeman



From All the Folks at  
**PANKEY'S BAKERY**



**A Merry Christmas**

May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good fellowship and good cheer for all our friends.

**Barter Rexall Drug Store**  
 1 North Main Phone 329

# Christmas CUSTOMS



Many Christmas legends and customs are part of the folklore of our ancestors in all parts of the world. Many of them, too, are a mixture of early Christian and pagan observances which time and Christianity have given new meaning.

Santa Claus, our American giver of gifts, is little known elsewhere in the world. In Eastern and Southern Europe, it is the Wise Men who arrive bringing gifts. In Hungary the gifts come from the Angels, in Poland from the stars, in Greece, St. Basil is the gift-bearing patron saint.

Popular tradition has it that the candle we place in our windows at Christmas is a custom originated by early Christians to whom the candle represented the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable at Bethlehem. One interesting legend tells of a shoemaker who, though poor, always placed a candle in his window at night to guide weary travelers, and so inspired the villagers that soon each window contained a lighted candle.

The holly bush, long associated with Christmas, and with many legends was once called the holy-bush, because in its natural state the berries ripen at Christmas time.

The Wassail bowl, which today is Christmas punch, is said to have come to us from the ancient Saxons. Wassail was a word of greeting which meant literally, "What Hails?", or "How fare you?"

At Christmas time, traditions of the Old World live again. Pinatitas, doves and festive straw chains from South Europe; wheat sheaves, paper and carved wood from Scandinavian countries; angels, stars, Czechoslovakian bells and gold German stars are all bits of Old World charm that we re-create in our homes.



**BRIGHT DISPLAY . . .** Long noted for its pleasing Christmas decorations, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more floor space than any other structure in the world, presented this gala Christmas greeting to the people of Chicago.

The S. S. United States set the world speed record for steamships on its maiden voyage in 1952. It averaged 35.59 knots (about 41 mph) crossing the Atlantic Ocean west to east in three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes.

The first All-Star baseball game between the American and National leagues was played July 6, 1933, in Chicago.

The first dairy cattle to reach the New World were brought to the West Indies by Columbus on his second trip in 1495.

*Silent Night*



May the glorious spirit of the first Christmas dwell in your hearts now and always.

**LEO RICHMOND**

**SIDE GLANCES** By Galbraith



"That's too ornate and affectionate, George—that kind of card would bring all your aunts and uncles barging in on us!"

*Greetings*



We extend sincere wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a Christmas that is full of all good things and a heart that is full of happiness.

**Ford Flower Shop**  
 415 North Webster Phone 230



May the happiness of the Christmas season remain in your heart throughout the coming year.

**Grant's Jewelry**  
 17 East Poplar

**GREETINGS**



We wish all our friends a very joyous and cheerful Christmas Season.

**Newkirk's Millinery**



**GREETINGS at Christmas**

We sincerely wish that you will share in all the pleasures of the Yuletide season.

**KING'S Glass Service**  
 13 W. Elm Phone 1452

# Merry Christmas



It is our sincerest wish that this Christmas brings a great abundance of warm and lasting pleasures to everyone.

**Paul Powell**

Your Democratic Representative . . .  
 51st Senatorial District



**GUESS WHO . . .** Everybody is impersonating Santa or Mrs. Santa these days. Here Hilda Estavez gives her impersonation of Mrs. Santa Claus—and while it may not resemble a reasonable facsimile, the gift-laden pack on Hilda's back may give a vague clue.

**Grandfather Frost Is Russian Santa**

Christmas in Russia? Behind the Iron Curtain it's Grandfather Frost who delights the children.

Grandfather Frost (really an actor from the Moscow stage) was revived by the Russians two years ago. Through most of the month of January thousands of Russian children dance around a fir tree in St. George's Hall and may shake hands with Grandfather Frost, the Russian Santa Claus.

Grandfather Frost entertains the children with the aid of singers, dancers and variety artists from the theaters. Last year, for the first time, American correspondents were admitted to the Kremlin to see one of the gatherings.

**WHEN SANTA LEAVES**

While American children always find their Christmas presents in the stockings or under the tree, children of other nations must search for theirs. Norwegian children seek them out in hiding places which may be anywhere in the house. In Italy, they seek them in "Urns of Fate" and in France children usually find them in wooden shoes.

# O, Holy Night



As you celebrate the Birthday of Him, who was born in Bethlehem upon the Holy Night of long ago, may the true spirit of Christmas surround you and your loved ones, lifting your hearts anew with its glorious promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

**Saline County Democratic Central Committee**  
 STEVE MITCHELL, CHAIRMAN

In order to assure a speed of over 100 miles an hour on British Railways sharp curves are to be eliminated, new bridges built and the track facilities at stations improved.

## Three Famous Americans Born New Year's Day

January 1, perennially celebrated as the start of a new year, is also the birthdate of three famous Americans.

On January 1, 1773, a boy was born in Boston, Mass. He grew up to be a silversmith and engraver, designed and printed the first Continental money and the first official seal of the colonies. An amateur inventor, he discovered a process for rolling sheet copper. But he is most famous for a horse ride he made on the night of April 18, 1775. His name: Paul Revere.

Seventeen years later, in 1752, a girl was born in Philadelphia on the first day of the year. She was Betsy Ross—maker of the first American flag. On the same day was born the great poet—Philip Freneau.

Other events that took place on January 1: George Washington at Cambridge raised for the first time the flag of the United Colonies, 1776; Florida adopted the constitution, 1897; Union of Ireland and Great Britain, 1801; de Sousa discovered Rio de Janeiro, 1531; The United Nations Declaration signed, 1942; the first Tournament of Roses, 1889.



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## MERRY Christmas

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## OUT OUR WAY



## HANDY GIFTS



How often at Christmas time have you experienced that panicky feeling that comes when you discover you've forgotten someone? It happens nearly every year.

You can, however, save yourself a good deal of embarrassment by having gifts wrapped and on hand in case someone drops by with a gift for you—someone accidentally omitted from your gift list.

A safe bet and a gift that will be appreciated is something that you, yourself, have made—perhaps seasonal cookies and candies, nuts, and stuffed fruits. These are gifts with a particularly personal touch. And that, after all, is what the spirit of Christmas giving should be—giving a little of yourself to others.

You can pack your handiwork in wooden or earthenware bowls, a flower pot, small basket, or inexpensive cake or loaf pan. Other handy and inexpensive packaging items are oatmeal boxes, coffee cans, or paper plates covered with gay paper.

A gaily wrapped package makes even the smallest gift look good. Use odd ends of wallpaper, brightly colored magazine covers, shelf paper or scraps of material.

If you have a favorite candy, cookie or fruit or nut bread recipe, use it, by all means. And for an additional touch, tuck a copy of your pet recipe into your gift.

## Observance Grew With Christianity

The observance of Christmas as we know it today is one of joy and peace, making it difficult for us to realize that the holiday has not always been universally recognized and observed.

When Pope Gregory sent out missionaries in 601 A. D., he told them to let pagan converts weave the harmless features of their festivals into the spiritual fabric of Christmas observance.

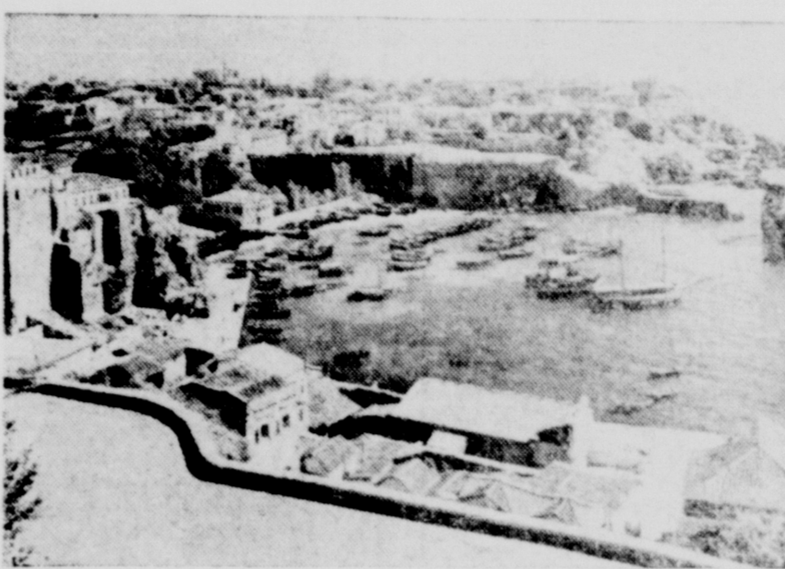
The popularity of the Christmas observance grew with the progress of Christianity, but there were setbacks. Abuses of Christmas reached such a pitch in feudal England that the Puritan Parliament outlawed the holiday in 1644. The observance declined until the middle of the 19th century when Charles Dickens published his heart-warming "Christmas Carol."

## TRUE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Charles Wesley, a Methodist minister England wrote "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" on a Christmas morning. The brother of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was inspired by the pealing of church bells when he penned the famous carol.



**TELL ME, TELL ME...** This lovely lady has succeeded in bringing Old Santa into view by gazing into her crystal ball, yet it seems that the vision isn't clear enough to foretell the gifts that he is bearing. Oh, well, Christmas is only a short time away.



**SANTA CLAUS LAND...** You'd never convince the younger set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and reindeer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common.

By Williams

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## WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.

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